Ku Klux Klan — 1922

Texas.

INDICTMENTS URGED IN TEXAS FLOGGING CASE

Chicago Daily Tribune

Dallas, Tex., March 21.—Dallas Klan No. 66, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in a letter to Mayor S. R. Aldridge today authorized a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any of the men who last night flogged F. H. Etheridge, a local lumberman.

Without regard to the social standing or the connection of parties who whipped F. H. Etheridge here last night, the grand jury must return indictments against those responsible "for this outrage" when the proper evidence is submitted, Judge C. A. Pippen charged the Dallas county jury today. "It makes no difference whether it was five men, whether it was the Ku Klux Klan, or some other organization, you must nat falter in your plain duties," Judge Pippen declared.

"In the interest of society and the people of the community particularly I want this literal outrage to be thoroughly probed. The men engaged in these floggings are engaged in an effort to tear down society, to destray law, and bring the constitution into disrepute.

"I had rather be murdered than to know I must live in a country where whippings of this kind are countenanced. Their actions are worse than murder, because they humiliate for life men who possibly do not fear death but do fear lasting humiliation.

"There will be no stop to these outrages unless the juries and the courts stop them. They are bringing this country to anarchy. Every man has his enemies. What if your enemies were to enter into a 'frame-up' against you? It is entirely possible."

Former Justice Whipped.

Beaumont, Tex., March 21.—Dragged from the front porch of his residence, knocked unconscious with a revolver when he resisted, then carried into the country, whipped, tarred, and feathered, J. A. Pelt, 63, formerly a justice of the peace of Sour Lake, is suffering from high fever and wounds at his home here today.

Mrs. Pelt, who was sitting on the front porch with her husband when six unmasked men came and demanded that Mr. Pelt accompany them, said she was knocked down and bruised when she clung to her husband.

Mr. Pelt returned home late last night. Mrs. Pelt said a man she did not know brought him home. "They almost murdered him," she said. "He has a deep gash in his head. His body is lashed by whip wounds and he has high fever." Mayor B. A. Steinhage declared today a call will be made for Texas Rangers if it becomes necessary to go to this extreme to quell outlawry in the city.

Foes of Klan Chartered.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 21.—The Knights of the Visible Empire, an organization formed in the Healdton oil fields in Carter county following the killing of three men recently in a gun fight which resulted from efforts of white robed and masked men to punish an alleged bootlegger, was granted a charter here today by T. J. Kendle, acting secretary of state.

The purpose of the organization as stated i nthe articles of incorporation is "to disseminate 100 per cent Americanism."

School Principal Flogged.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 21.—A complaint naming twelve men will be filed in Justice court in connection with the whipping last night of Hollin P. Jones, principal of the Lehi district school, near here, it was announced today by County Attorney R. E. L. Shepherd. Jones was lured to a secluded spot by six men, who were joined by half a dozen others wearing robs and masks, flogged with a leather quirt, and marked on the face with carbolic acid, he declared to the county attorney today.

KLAN TRIBUTE IS PAID AT GRAVE OF BEN F. BALDWIN

Houston Tex. Post

4/27/22

Walker County Pioneer Buried With Impressive Ritual

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, April 26.—Benjamin Franklin Baldwin, 61 years old, life long resident of Walker county and one of the most prominent and popular farmers of East Texas, was buried in a hillside cemetery at McAdams, 14 miles from Huntsville, Wednesday afternoon with perhaps the most impressive service that the country folks ever witnessed. More than 200 of them gathered for the final tribute.

Services at the grave were conducted by James A. Baker Masonic lodge of Huntsville, Bedias lodge assisting. The last of the masonic rites had just been said when, coming as if from nowhere, white robed Ku Klux Klansmen appeared. Through the lane that opened in the crowd for them they stalked, with no word spoken, to the grave side. Then in a voice that carried to the outermost parts of the awe struck crowd the leader of the white robed band spoke.

"James Franklin Baldwin, a true and loyal klansman has been called to the great senate above to receive the reward of an earnest, faithful, christian life. In paying this humble tribute to our departed brother we recognize the duty of an all wise and merciful God. Man is like a flower. Today he blossoms forth in the full majesty of manhood, tomorrow he withers and dies. But this is not the end. This brother's soul goes marching to the presence of almighty god.

"Dearest klansman, thou hast left us and our loss we deeply feel.

"But this god that hast bereft us, he can all our sorrow heal.'

Then the voice paused, another klansman placed a huge cross of blood red flowers at the grave head. On the white ribbons that fell as streamers from it were the three letters "K. K. K." and the voice resumed.

"Yet again we hope to meet him when the day of life is fled.

"And in heaven with joy to greet him where no farewell tear is shed."

And then again a pause and then:

"Blest be the klansman's tie of real fraternal love

"That links us in a fellowship akin to that above."

And then the klansman's prayer and as mysteriously as they had come the white robed visitants departed.

Mr. Baldwin died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Woodville community. He was one of the most prominent men in war work in Walker county in 1917 and 1918.

KLAN DELIVERS STILL.

Texarkana Authorities Not Informed As To Source.

Commercial Appeal

TEXARKANA, Tex., April 16.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning, about a dozen men, masked and unmasked, deposited a fully equipped whisky still on the sidewalk corner of Broad and State streets, in the heart of the business district, in the Texas side, together with a quantity of mash and a bottle of white corn whisky.

One of the men with a piece of chalk wrote on the sidewalk, "bootleggers, beware," and "captured by the Ku Klux Klan." A card attached to the bottle of whisky bore the words "take a drink and then call the undertaker."

One of the men went to the office of a morning newspaper and told the editor that the still had been captured by the klan at a point about six miles south of the city. All the men then got back in their autos and quickly disappeared.

Officers, who later examined the still, say it is a very crude affair, made of an iron oil barrel, but having a copper worm. It is of about 50 gallons capacity. So far nothing has been heard as to the owners of the still or whether or not they were molested by members of the klan who captured the still.

$1000 IS OFFERED BY DALLAS KLAN FOR MASKED MEN

Reward Placed With City For Bandits Who Whipped Etheredge

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Houston Post Special.

DALLAS, Texas, March 21.—A small slip of paper bearing a name and address may result in the arrest of the band of masked men who kidnaped F. H. Etheredge, prominent Dallas lumberman, from his home here Monday night and carried him to a secluded spot near town, where he was given a severe lashing. The paper was found near the scene of the flogging by a Dallas newspaper man and turned over to police officials, who expect to make an arrest momentarily.

Late Tuesday afternoon rewards totaling $1600 had been offered for the arrest and conviction of the floggers. Of this amount $1000 was offered by the local Ku Klux Klan. In a letter to Mayor Aldredge the klan denied all responsibility for the whipping and declared that it stood ready to carry out its recent offer to double any reward offered by the city in cases involving whipping. The mayor earlier in the day had posted a reward of $500. The other $100 was offered by Sheriff Harston.

Etheredge, who is prominent in both business and social circles of Dallas, was called from his home about 8 o'clock by five men, who told him he was "wanted at the court house." When he refused to go with them voluntarily a struggle ensued and he was overpowered and thrown into a waiting automobile. After a ride of several miles into the country, he was taken out of the car and bound to a tree. He was then given what he termed a "lecture on morals," followed by the whipping. Each of the five men applied the lash five times. Etheredge was then placed back into the car and was driven into the city, where he was released. He immediately notified the police.

Etheredge says he was told by one of the men that "63 men had been whipped during the past few months" at the spot where he was taken. An investigation Tuesday revealed that the tree had been pruned and prepared for the flogging and that other trees nearby had been prepared similarly with wire loops, with which it is presumed the victim was bound.

Special charges to the grand jury were delivered Tuesday morning by Judges C. A. Pippen and R. B. Seay, who instructed the probers to "get at the bottom of this thing" and not to be influenced by the wealth or social standing of the persons involved.

"It is worse than murder" said Judge Pippen in instructing the jurors.

ANSWERS MADE TO GRAND JURY IN KLAN PROBE

Austin Men, Held in Court Contempt, Acquiesce; Close Case

Houston Tex. Post

4/30/22

Associated Press Report.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 29.—J. D. Copeland, police commissioner, and F. G. Reynolds, clerk of a local fraternal organization Saturday afternoon appeared before the grand jury and answered questions about the Ku Klux Klan. They had been adjudged in contempt of court and fined $100 each and sentenced to jail until they should answer the questions.

The answers were made on advice of counsel, it is understood, the two men conferring with their attorneys a few minutes before they entered the grand jury room.

Answering of these questions brings to a close a case that has gained wide attention. It started when the grand jury was directed to investigate the killing of Peeler Clayton in an alley bordering the "Ku Klux Klan" hall and the alleged activities of the Klan in Travis county. Reynolds and Copeland refused to answer the following questions.

"Are you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?

"Who are the members of the Ku Klux Klan?

"Who have you seen at meetings at the Ku Klux Klan hall?"

Copeland and Reynolds when first called before the grand jury refused to answer the questions, claiming constitutional right not to incriminate themselves. District Judge J. R. Hamilton adjudged them in contempt and ordered them to jail and fined until they were ready.

The case was carried to the court of criminal appeals in ex parte proceedings and the higher tribunal upheld Judge Hamilton's order. Both defendants appeared before the grand jury today under certified copies of the mandate of the higher court.

The fact that they had answered the questions Saturday was given out by Judge Hamilton without comment.

In its final report the Travis county grand jury said that the federal government will soon make an investigation to ascertain if any of its employes belong to the Ku Klux Klan.

"We learn from what we think a reliable source that the federal government will soon have a general house cleaning among its servants, that those in the federal service who belong to this organization will have to dis-associate themselves from the organization or quit the federal service," the report said.

"We find in our investigations that representatives of the State government have become involved in this organization," it continued.

"This, we think, is unfair to the great mass of citizenship of this State."

Speaking further of the Klan, the jury said that it indorsed some of the doctrines of the Klan, but condemned other parts of it.

"It is dangerous in the extreme, and violates the most sacred principles of free government," the report said.

"We do not believe that any officer of the law whose duty it is to execute the law fairly and impartially alike to every citizen, be he ever so humble, can be true to his oath of office and at the same time be true to the oath of the present Ku Klux organization, and its teaching. We believe that every peace officer, both State and county and city, should immediately renounce his allegiance to this organization or else retire from office, because there is danger, however, conscientious any officer may be, that he will favor his brother klansman." The report said that the "klan had suc-

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eeded to an admirable degree" in enlisting "all peace officers throughout the State, as well as the military organizations of the State into its toils and measures."

No indictments for the killing of Peeler Clayton on December 16, 1921, in an alley near the "Klan hall," were returned, the evidence of this grand jury being left for the next one in a secret report.

The grand jurors said they had been maligned, criticized and libelled by papers over the State, and in a special report gave the business and religious connections of each member. Attached to the report were copies of what was said to be the oath and erquirements of a member of the present Ku Klux Klan, and a copy of the creed of the Ku Klux Klan of the civil war days.

Giddings Klan Gives $25 Following Revival

Houston Post Sunday Post

GIDDINGS, Texas, April 22.—Robed klansmen appeared during the last revival service at the Methodist church here Thursday night, and handed a letter containing $25 to the pastor, Rev. J. F. Garrett. 4/23/22

The letter accompanying the donation stated that the fund was to be used by the church, and stated that the Giddings klan endorsed the work of the church. The letter also contained a discourse on the principles of the klan.

WITNESSES REFUSE TO ANSWER WHEN QUERIED ON K. K. K.

Stand on Constitutional Rights Before Austin Grand Jurors

STATE ATTORNEY OFFERS IMMUNITY

Court Postpones Action Pending Consultation of Authorities

3/15/22
Houston Tex. Post

Associated Press Report.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 14.—Police Commissioner J. D. Copeland and F. G. Reynolds, clerk of the Woodmen of the World told Criminal District Judge J. R. Hamilton here Tuesday morning that they had refused to answer the following questions in the grand jury room earlier in the morning: "whether you are members of the Ku Klux Klan." "who the officers are." "who the members are" "who you saw at the meetings."

Judge Hamilton then stated before he could take any action the men would have to be taken before the grand jury again, resworn and given another opportunity to answer the questions.

It is understood the above questions were asked these two witnesses by District Attorney J. B. Robinson. When these questions were repeated before Judge Hamilton the two men explained they were standing on their constitutional rights in refusing to answer the questions.

"In our investigation," interjected D. A. Gregg, foreman of the grand jury, members of which were seated near, "we must have this information. These two gentlemen are of the highest type of citizens here and we can rely on their statements to us as true. It is for that reason that we want them to answer these questions." "We want the questions answered and we have offered the witnesses immunity with the approval of the court," said the district attorney.

"Well before the court can act it is necessary to consult additional authorities. Does tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock suit all concerned?" asked the judge.

"It suits us," said Commissioner Copeland. Mr. Reynolds nodded his head in assent.

KLAN GIVES $50 TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT GOOSE CREEK

Eight Men Dressed in Regalia Present Money During Service

Houston Tex. Post
3/14/22

Eight men dressed in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan walked into the Goose Creek Christian church during revival services Sunday night, lined up in a row in front of the pulpit and presented the pastor with a letter containing $50, without saying a word. They immediately left the building. The money will go towards paying the church debt, according to Rev. Albert T. Fitts, pastor, who was in Houston Monday.

Rumors that representatives of the klan were going to make a present to the church were current in Goose Creek and the church was crowded to capacity, with all seats filled and about 50 persons standing along the walls.

When the white-robed figures reached the church they sent an usher to tell Rev. Fitts that "strangers were without and would like to enter." Rev. Fitts extended an invitation to them to come into the church.

They left while the letter was being read. Rev. Mr. Fitts at once turned the money over to the treasurer. The Christian church was built recently.

The letter read:

"Rev. Albert T. Fitts, Goose Creek.

"Greeting: The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan view with pleasure the success attending your work in Goose Creek. The invisible empire is composed of the best men in every community, men who appreciate and co-operate in every enterprise for the common good. Its members all believe in the tenents of the Christian religion and have the living Christ as their criterion of character.

Stand For "Free Speech."

"We also stand for free speech, a free press, the entire separation of the church and state, white supremacy and for the protection of the home and the chastity of womanhood.

"The enclosed fifty dollars ($50) is presented through you to your church as a tangible expression of our good will and trust you will accept it as such and apply same on your church debts.

"Respectfully yours,

"Goose Creek Klan No. 4,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
Realm of Texas."

The letter bore the official seal.

Revival services have been conducted at the church for the last week. In that time 16 persons joined the church. Twelve of thees joined Sunday night. Rev. C. A. Chasteen, evangelist, is assisting Rev. Mr. Fitts with the services, and Miss Ruth Orr of Dallas, is leading the choir.

K. K. K. SPEAKERS BEFORE JURY.

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WICHITA FALLS, Texas, April 10. J. H. Camp of Atlanta, Ga., who delivered an address here Sunday in the interest of the Ku Klux Klan went before the grand jury Monday morning in response to a summons from that body.

HENRY DENOUNCES KLAN ENEMIES IN FT. WORTH SPEECH

Houston Tex. Post

Senate Candidate Asserts He Is Klansman and Praises Order

4/10/22

Associated Press Report.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 9.—Asserting that he was a klansman, Robert L. (Bob) Henry, candidate for the United States senate, speaking to an audience of approximately 1500 persons in the auditorium of the Fort Worth chamber of commerce Saturday night, denounced the enemies of the Ku Klux Klan, declaring that the organization must and would survive in Texas.

The enemies to whom Henry particularly referred was a Dallas publication by Charles A. Culberson, United States senator, who recently declared that the Ku Klux Klan must be destroyed, and Cullen F. Thomas, another candidate for the senate.

Attacking the publication in Dallas, Henry asserted that "it is honest in its effort to carry on a fight against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

The speaker severely criticized the committee headed by M. M. Crane of Dallas, which adopted a resolution asserting that the Ku Klux Klan must be destroyed.

"I hurl defiance at General M. M. Crane and his committee, and say that the klan will not be destroyed," Henry declared emphatically.

The speaker then began an explanation of the tenets of the klan, speaking on each of the principles which have been laid down.

"What is the Ku Klux Klan, about which we hear so much? The first tenet is belief in the Christian religion. Do not the enemies of the Ku Klux Klan believe that this tenet is right?

"The Ku Klux Klan believes in white supremacy. If Cullen F. Thomas believed that, would he change that tenet? Should it be destroyed because it puts the white man first? What man believes he is not as good as a negro, if not a little bit better?

"We've got those gentlemen where we want them."

The speaker declared that he knew of a number of people who believed in social equality, but that social equality would never exist in Texas and the South.

"I am clothed with full authority to speak for the klan. I belong to the Ku Klux Klan and feel honored to be a member. We hurl defiance at our enemies. Call on the battle. We are ready for it from this day forward. We are ready to contest every inch of ground." He declared that the strength of the klan in Texas was being added to daily.

"The present governor will never convene the legislature, and if he does for the purpose of curbing the klan, no law will be enacted prohibiting the activities of the klan."

Austin Men Are Jailed; Refused To Tell of Klan

Houston Tex. Post
3/17/22

Associated Press Report.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 16.—Criminal District Judge J. R. Hamilton late Thursday adjudged Police Commissioner J. D. Copeland and F. G. Reynolds, clerk of a local fraternal organization, to be in contempt of court for refusal to answer questions related to the Ku Klux Klan and whether they were members of the Ku Klux Klan. The defendants claimed their constitutional rights gave them the privilege to refuse to answer the questions.

The judge imposed a fine of $100 on each of the defendants and ordered them remanded to jail and to remain there until they should purge themselves of such contempt by answering the questions of the grand jury.

"Attorneys for the defendants immediately sued out a writ of habeas corpus in the court of criminal appeals, seeking to have the judgment of the district court set aside and the men released. Judge W. C. Morrow of the appeals court granted a temporary writ and allowed the defendants bond of $500, which was immediately made. They are to appear before the appeals court next Thursday that the cause of restraint and confinement may be inquired into."

KU KLUX KLAN OFFERS REWARD FOR FLOGGERS

Montgomery Advertiser
Ala 3/12/22

(Associated Press)

DALLAS, Tex., March 21.—Dallas Klan Number 66, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in a letter to Mayor S. R. Aldridge today authorized a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any of the men who last night flogged F. A. Etheridge, lumberman. In the letter the "cyclops" of the local Klan said his organization does not endorse any lawless act by any one and pledged its assistance in runnig dow the "hoodlums who committed this act."

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UNMASK SIN, IS OUSLEY PLEA IN KLAN SITUATION

Houston Tex. Post

If Ku Klux Must Unmask, Make Reprobates Do Likewise, He Says

4/5/22

MOB LAW IS DENOUNCED

Houston Post Special.

WHITESBORO, Texas, April 4.—"The klan must live up to its professed purpose of law under the constitution or it will perish," said Clarence Ousley candidate for United States senator in an address here Tuesday afternoon. "But," he said, after discussing prevailing gross immoralities, "if there is to be an unmasking of the Ku Klux let there be also an unmasking of the reprobates who are cloaked in social and business respectability."

Mr. Ousley set forth in detail the constitutional guarantees outraged by prevalent outbreaks of mob law, which he denounced severely, particularly the deprivation of the right of trial by jury and acts of tarring and whipping which he described as among the "cruel and unusual punishment" prohibited in the bill of rights. He had discussed other issues and concluded with the following comment upon the Ku Klux:

"There is widespread and more or less excited conversation about the Ku Klux Klan. The discussion is wholesome so long as it does not become hysterical. We must uphold the law at all hazards and must resist every act that usurps its authority. There is no place in free government for self-constituted tribunals and no need for secret organizations to enforce law. The court house is the place to try criminals and the processes are the established processes of law. Every officer of the law is under oath to uphold the constitution, and if he assumes any obligation contrary to that he should forfeit his office.

"I know nothing more than the average man about the Ku Klux, but every observing man of middle age has seen much of mass or class hysterics. Undoubtedly the Ku Klux organization has raised up some vital questions of public order, and it is the business of good citizens to be alert and courageous, but it is important, first, to be informed. In my lifetime I have witnessed about as much evil from zeal exercised in ignorance as from perverse purpose.

"What do we actually know about the Ku Klux? I have tried to learn, but I have gathered but little authentic information. I know that its chief officer, Colonel Simmons, in his testimony before the senate committee several months ago professed fraternal, benevolent and civic objects entirely lawful and in many respects laudable. I know, also, that during the last few weeks local klans in Texas have published statements in the newspapers disavowing acts of lawlessness and offering to aid officers in the enforcement of the law. There can be no reasonable objection to these official declarations of purpose. In addition, I have close acquaintance with several men who I have reason to believe are members of the order and I know them to be patriotic and law-abiding.

"On the other hand, I know that since the organization came under general observation there have been many acts of violence and outrage committed by masked men. In some cases the newspapers reported that warnings and utterances were issued as if coming from klansmen. In other cases the mobs either did not profess or they did expressly disavow klan relations.

"On matters other than law enforcement my understanding is that the klan excludes from its membership all Catholics and Jews. A few months ago there were reports of distressing religious antipathies engendered by this attitude.

"I think no just man will deny the right of other men to organize and maintain a society for the purposes expressed, though many men question, as I do, the need or the propriety of such an organization. I can not fathom the motives of men or know the spirit of a secret order.' Therefore, I can not intelligently pass judgment upon the real merits of the society and I refuse to condemn the men who compose it.

"But I condemn and denounce lawlessness and I raise the question whether the spectacular ritual and parades of the klan have not invited [illegible] in or out of the klan to employ the methods of masking to violate the most important articles of constitutional law and liberty. I think my brother was a member of the original Ku Klux Klan which rendered such necessary social and political service in the South during the awful days of reconstruction. He told me more than once that after the klan had rendered its great service its methods of masking and terrorizing were employed only and wickedly by evil men. It occurs to me that possibly some perversion of the professed purpose of the new order is being practiced now. If so, it behooves the well meaning men who belong to the order to purge it of any evil that may lurk within it and to join other good citizens in suppressing the prevailing outbreak of mob law.

"The prohibition of masking will only destroy a ritual; it will not of itself prevent mobs. Let us keep level minds and realize that a statutory attack upon a ceremony is a vain remedy for lawlessness. This is wholly a matter of policy from within and public opinion from without. The Klan must live up to its professed purpose of law under the constitution or it will perish. There need be no worry about that. The thing to do is to attack lawlessness and intolerance by whomsoever practiced. Any other attack is a waste of energy. Burke, the statesman, said, 'you can't indict a whole people.' So in this case we can't indict a society. All we can do is to punish men who violate the law, and that we must do unsparingly.

"As to religious and racial exclusion I concede complete freedom of selection of membership. Men have a right to organize a society and exclude red-headed persons if they wish. But I protest that any activity tending to excite racial or religious prejudice is not only pernicious, but it is subversive of the cardinal principles of American government. Some of our greatest statesmen, law-givers and jurists have been Catholics, and some have been Jews. Neither Catholics nor Jews have a right to seek political advantage for their church or their race, nor have other churches or races a right to deny civil emolument or political privilege to Jews or Catholics.

"But not all has been said that should be said when we thus endeavor to define purposes and practices. There is something back of this outbreak of mob punishment. There never was such a phenomenon without cause, and we need as good citizens to look a little further into this particular complex.

"It is known of all men that there is widespread moral looseness in circles that affest business, professional and social respectability. More precise language is not permitted, for most of the sins and crimes I have in mind are unspeakable in polite society. While the violence now so rampant is destructive of law and order, the secret lawlessness is more deadly to social and moral order. Laws against Ku Klux parades will not reach this evil. I join heartily in the protest against mobs which violate the most precious guarantees of the Bill of Rights, but I point to the underlying provocation. We can and we will sooner or later control the mobs. This country will not long tolerate secret tribunals that deny the right of trial by jury. The danger is that the mobs will provoke their mobs in opposition and develop a kind of civil war in subversion of orderly government.

"On the other hand, we will make little progress in social welfare if we do not develop a public opinion and a social standard that will make Ishmaleites if not convicts of those who outrage the social and moral code. If there is to be an unmasking of the Ku Klux let there be also an unmasking of the reprobates who are cloaked in social and business respectability. Only the grace of God can save men from sin, but even Godless men and women can and should exert a moral influence for the social welfare. Civil order without moral order is a body of death.

"To sum it up, let us make every man understand that we have but one rule of civil conduct and that is the law of the land. We need only one character of liberty and that is the Bill of Rights. Any disregard for these leads inevitably to the destruction of liberty and the subversion of government."

Southern Methodist Bishop Flays Ku Klux as Menace to Church—Will Soon Attempt to Dictate to Pulpit

Pitts burgh Pa. American 3/31/22

Seek to Gain Good Will of Better Class White People By Donating to Church

AUSTIN, Texas, March 31.—During the last few weeks many of the Ku Klux Klan organizations over the State have sought to obtain the good will of the better element of people in their respective communities by making donations of money to churches. in several instances white robed and masked members of the Klan entered churches while services were being held and handed the pastors donations ranging from $50 to $500. Bishop William N. Ainsworth, white, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has protested against their acceptance.

"We have indeed fallen upon days of degeneracy if the Christian ministry has allied itself with the Ku Klux Klan and debased the pulpit by defense of its methods," he said. "What truth there is in the report that half the ministers of the State are members of the Klan I have no means of knowing, but I have been informed by men who claim to know that a great many ministers in Texas have sworn allegiance to the Invisible Empire. It would also appear that many who disclaim membership are indorsers of the Klan. That many of these ministers, perhaps all, are actuated by pure purposes and the highest ideals of patriotism, I do not doubt; but sincerity of purpose will not avert the distressful consequences of their alliance with this organization or bring back to them their lost leadership as good ministers of Jesus Christ after their misguided influence has done its disastrous work. It is particularly a serious thing for any minister of Jesus Christ to lend his influence and prostitute his pulpit to the promotion of such dangerous propaganda.

Funeral Rites Desecrated

"How far this thing will go before the people wake to see its peril no man can foresee, but already the Klan has become so emboldened in its presumptuous purposes to be monitor of all it surveys that its hooded minions have suddenly appeared in the church of God and interrupted divine worship to present their criticism or condemnation. Even the solemn funeral rites of the church have been desecrated by their presumptuous interference.

"If this is permitted to go unchecked, and preachers, churches and charities continue to receive the Klan's anonymous aid, it will not be long before masked men will assume to dictate to the pulpit what it shall preach, and threaten to run men from their pulpits who refuse to do their way.

"Let the Klan uncover and pursue its patriotic purposes in the open or quit business! And in all these things may the ministry of the church be above suspicion and without reproach!"

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NOT SPURRED—BUT KICKING

K. Family's Harpoon

The daily "Caller," published at Corpus Christi, Texas dated March 11th, has a very interesting account of an open air initiation ceremony by the Ku Klux Klan—somewhere across the bay, from that city. It was a good story, cleverly written by a member of the "Caller's" staff, who says he was accosted by two strangers, early in the evening, and asked if he would not like to witness the ceremonies, seldom seen by non-members—and only by newspaper men, upon invitation.

"It must be admitted," writes the reporter, "that the sight of a Ku Klux Klan initiation, can bring a person to a full realization of the secrecy which envelopes a meeting of the Klan. Thursday night it was thought, Klansmen from all over South Texas, were present. The white robed figures, with their tall caps, sent a creepy feeling down the spine of the on-looker, and lent an air of wierdness and mysteriousness to the proceedings.

"Some of the Klansmen, may, in their business and professional pursuits, be small in staute, but given a Ku Klux Klan regalia, plus a tall white cap, out in the open, and under the light of a burning cross, they can make a spectator feel a bit uneasy."

The reporter—who of course viewed the wierd scene from some distance, estimated the unmasked figures at 100 or more—which of course represented the number to be initiated. He also gave the opinion, that Klansmen, from all over South Texas, were present in staggering numbers—which makes it apparent that the Klan is making a wonderful and determined effort to enroll every one hundred per cent American in a territory heretofore presumably dominated by anti-Klan elements.

While it is a fact that the Harpoon editor knows about as little concerning the internal management of the Ku Klux Klan, as the Harpoon subscriber, I have been a close, careful and interested reader and observer, of the aims, and workings of the order that have been made public, and so far, to save my life, I have been unable to find fault, pick a flaw, or discover any sane reason why any "100 per cent American" can do so.

While it is true, that the papers and common report, have charged things against the Klan, which if true, certainly does not meet my endorsement—but having been in the newspaper business ever since I was a grown man, I have at least learned that there are some few things printed that are not entirely true. Truth and lying propaganda (although they look like twin brothers) are no kin on earth.

Therefore, the casual, and hasty reader of current news, seldom if ever gains a just and correct idea of the conditions discussed, and so adroitly handled by some trained propaganda reporter.

One should remember, that there is no blank space in a newspaper— especially when some crafty journalist wants to influence your decision in favor of some scheme, or plan of his own.

After perusing his fairy story (which seems as true and just as Holy writ) go back and read between the printed lines carefully, and you may find a two-hundred-pound nigger carefully hidden under an armful of stove wood. It doesn't take much of a woodpile to hide one—when you are not looking for him.

In deciding any question where witnesses are testifying, the juror should first try to ascertain just how much interest the witness has in the case—and how a verdict for, or against the defendant, would affect that interest.

If the juror knows these facts, he is in a better position to give Justice a square deal.

In reading newspapers, I endeavor to follow this rule, I know of no beter way to form a fair and just decision of the merits or demerits of any proposed plan, ostensibly put forth for the betterment of American interests—and that's about all I am interested in at the present time.

The time I read the public announcement that the Ku Klux Klan had been reorganized in this county, and that Roman Catholics and Jews were not to be admitted—I very naturally came to a conclusion, which time has only partly verified.

At first glance, I decided that while both Catholics and Jews might not like the proposition, the very fact that each of them had a secret organization barring any others from membership, this would automatically prevent any open-air yelling for a seat at the Protestant table—and the threat of busting up the feast in case of refusal.

It now seems that I lost both guesses—for the B'nai B riths don't seem to give a damn how much the Klan Klux, just so they let the Jews B'rith, in peace.

On the other hand, the Catholics are not so generous.

Although they belong as a body to the secret order, known as the Knights of Columbus—which bars all Protestants from membership and places their headquarters and head in Rome—a howl has gone up against the all-American order, known as the Ku Klux Klan—and in localities where their voting strength gives them a political rope, they are pulling it with all the clamor and regularity of well trained deck-hands.

I am a Protestant, by birth, education and inheritance. It is easy to trace my ancestry as far back as the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers (and clean back to Adam) and history tells you why the former left the old world and came here.

It is an old story, but you find no 100 per cent American, who does not love to hear the old tale retold.

America was settled by men and women, who wanted Freedom—political, economic, and religious Liberty.

They fled from religious domination and formed a government that would never interfere with any man's religion—so long as his religion did not interfere with the government.

The United States is a Protestant nation, and will remain one—whether you believe it or not.

DOWN WITH THE KU KLUX KLAN

St. Louis Mo. Argus 4/7/22

In charging a grand jury to make a thorough investigation into the flogging of citizens of Dallas by masked marauders, a Texas judge among other things said:

"I hope I'll never live in a country where there is danger of my being taken out and whipped. If we are going to protect the country as we should, the strong arm of the law should be brought to bear to protect the dignity of a man's home, and all the energy and time of the grand jury should be consecrated to that end. If you allow any one man to be whipped there is no limit to which the thing may go, and no real man is without enemies."

Like all other kinds of deviltry and lawlessness, Ku Kluxism is running rampant in Texas and it has become a menace to orderly government.

Texas is now suffering from an excess dose of over indulgence in lawlessness. She has sown the wind and is, therefore, reaping the whirldwind.

It is also reported that the local Klan of Dallas is denying any knowledge of the flogging and tarring parties. And in order to escape suspicion, has offered a reward for information as to who did the flogging, tarring and terrorism. The reward offered by the Ku Klux cannot be accepted in good faith by the public, because every member is sworn under penalty of death to the secrecy of the acts of the klan. And by making such an offer of reward is in no wise fooling the public.

It will do the Ku Klux very little good to deny the charges of lawlessness which the public will make against it when these outrages are committed against citizens. Especially when the character of the crimes are: whipping, maltreating, flogging, tarring, and feathering and death by other foul methods. These are some of the dirty deeds that are characteristic of the activities of the Ku Klux. Therefore, a community where such deeds are committed, the law abiding public generally is fully justified in charging the Klan with such deeds.

TEXAS KLUXS THREATEN TO DESTROY CHURCH AND PRIEST

3/23/22

East Tenn. News Knoxville

Beaumont, Texas, March 22.—Notices were posted Monday night on the doors of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic church for negroes, threatening to dynamite the church and to tar and feather the pastor, the Rev. A. A. Laplante, it became known today when Sheriff T. H. Garner and Mayor B. A. Steinhagen received a communication of protest signed by more than a dozen citizens.

The protest said:

"We denounce the outrages committed by the cowardly anarchists who placed two notices signed by the Ku Klux Klan on the doors of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic church for the colored population of Beaumont, one of which notices threatened to dynamite the church and school which cost thousands of dollars, if the people continue to congregate there. The other notice threatening to whip, tar and feather the scholarly Rev A. A. Laplante, pastor, if he did not leave in a week.

"We have every confidence in our county and city officers and demand of them that they do not permit these outrages to be committed."

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LOUISIANA AND TEXAS PLANNING TO MAKE KLANISM A FELONY

Richmond Va. Planet

4/1/22

Continued Outrages Arouse Governor and Other Officials to Action.

Galveston, March 26..—Masked and unmasked bands who under cover of night, take men and women from their homes, flog them, apply a coating of tar and feathers and order them "to leave town" are not going to be allowed to operate with impunity in Texas and Louisana much longer.

Gov. Parker of Louisiana has announced his intention to seek legislative action making Ku Klux Klanism a felony in Louisiana and State Senator H. L. Darwin of Texas, has announced similar measurers will be sought in the Texas Legislature.

The Ku Klux Klan will be the biggest issue in the impending political campaign in Texas and it is apparently due to this fact that Gov. Pat M. Neff candidate for reelection has denied for the first time that he is a member of the klan and said it was not needed to enforce the laws in Texas.

ORGANZATION TO FIGHT KLAN

Although voicferous denials have been made on behalf of the Klan as to responsibility for many outrages, an organization known as the "Knights of the Visible Empire" has been formed in Texas and Oklahoma to combat the klan.

Recent instances of mob action include the flogging of a Dallas lumber plant manager and a picture framer, the flogging, tarring and feathering of a Catholic priest at Slaton, the killing of a man who sought to protect an elderly ma nfrom a masked band at Nashville, Ark., and the flogging of a former justice of the peace at Beaumont.

Vitriolic criticism of those "who operate masked and under cover of night has had at least one noticeable effect—the masks are being left behind. In two late whipping outrages the bands were not masked.

Public activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas have been confined to parades, with or without official consent, and appearances of Klansmen at church meetings where donations are handed to the pastor. That the Klan has not confined itself to these benevolent actions, however, is clearly established. An open letter published at Mexia, Tex as on the occasion of the removal of martial law February 27 said:

"We hereby serve notice on the law less element of our population that because of the withdrawal of the State constabulary forces we will not countenance any of the acts of lawless and violence that were so prevalent in our midst sixty days ago. If your acts are such as merit court action we will see that you are carried to court. If the courts cannot handle your case or will not do so, we will handle it ourselves in our own way."

WHIPPING OF BOOTLEGGERS

Nocturnal whippings appear chiefly directed against bootlegging and immorality. This variety or organized mob action is entirely distinct from the form of mob violence known as lynching. A lynching mob has no central authority and little organization. Its actions are usually unpremeditated until within a few hours before it strikes.

The modern night rider or Klanist, or whatever he may be called, appears actuated by a sense of militant puritanism, combined with racial and religious prejudice. A fanatical hatred of liquor and of those who sell, make or drink liquor is his dominating trait. Next to his hatred for liquor is intolerance of moral transgressors. There have been no instances in Texas where organized mob action has been directed against persons guilty of such crimes as murder, highway robbery, bank looting or burglary. Nor so far as known has the Ku Klux Klan offered its aid to the authorities against crimes of this sort.

Opposition to mob violence in Beaumont crystallized yesterday, when petitions were put into circulation containing names of more than a hundred bankers, lawyers, physicians and business men calling for a mass meeting Monday night, March 27, in American Legion Hall to devise plans for enforcement of the law. The petition recites that "the time has come when all men both high and low must be given the protection guaranteed by the State and national Constitutions."

PARADE AT LAREDO PREVENTED

Great excitement was aroused at Laredo by circulars announcing the intention of the Ku Klux Klan to hold parade there on the night of March Immediate action was taken by the thorities. The Sheriff forbade the parade, the city authorities passed an ordinance making masked parades illegal, and District Judge Mullaly, in charging a Grand Jury to investigate the Klan, characterized it as an "unlawful organization gotten up for the purpose of violating the laws of the State." On the night of March 19 several hundred special officials well armed mingled with the crowds on the streets and there was no parade.

Texas.

Two instances in which the Ku Klux Klan has been more or less directly connected with homicides in Texas were at Austin on December 15 when Peeler Clayton, a taxi driver, was killed in the vicinity of a hall where the Klan was meeting and at Lorena, Tex as last year where Louis Crow, a Waco Laundryman, spectator at a Klan parade met death in an altercation which occurred when Sheriff Buchanan of McLennan county tried to stop the parade met death in an altercation which ly wounded at the time.

In the Clayton case an Austin city detective, a patrolman and a Federal prohibition agent were found to have been involved in the shooting which ended in Clayton's death, their pleas of killing in line of duty being upheld. Owing to the prominence of those implicated in the killing this case attracted wide attention.

It appears that Clayton and two companions had stopped in an alley behind the building where the Klan assembles were held "to take a drink." On driving out of the alley a number of shots were fired, Clayton receiving mortal wounds.

CHARGE OF CONTEMPT ENTERED

Investigation of this case developed a charge of contempt against Police Commissioner J. D. Copeland of Austin and F. G. Reynolds clerk of the Austin Woodmen of the World for refusing to answer Grand Jury questions regarding the personnel and officers of the Klan. A fine of $100 and jail sentence were imposed by the District Judge. Copeland and Reynolds obtained their freedom on writs of habeas corpus and took an appeal, their case now being under consideration by the Appellate Court.

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F. H. Etheredge, 47 years old, manager of the Temple Lumber Company of Dallas, was called to the door of his home just after 8 o'clock on the night of March 20 by a party of five unmasked by the sheriff." Etheredge was seized b ythe sheric." Etheredge was seized as he stepped out on the porch. He fought strenuously with his assailants. Margaret Etheredge his 17 year old daughter, ran to her father's aid. She was struck over the head with a pistol and rendered unconscious. Mary Etheredge, a 15 year old daughter saw the affray.

The five unmasked men after a severe struggle, in which blows were freely exchanged, succeeded in forcing Etheredge into an automobile standing at the curb. They drove to a point three miles south of Dallas, where a number of other men were awaiting. After giving Etheredge a "moral lecture" they handcuffed him to a tree and administered twenty-five lashes.

While his body was painfully bruised and cut, Etheredge was able to attend his business the next day. He said he knew of no reason for the beating. Reports current at Dallas said allegations of immoral practices were made against him. At the time of the flogging Mrs. D. S. Riddick, 55, Etheredge's sister was keeping house for him, his wife being in a sanitarium at Terrell, Texas. Mrs. Etheredge became suddenly ill about three months ago.

REWARDS ARE OFFERED

Rewards aggregating $2,600 have been offered by Dallas authorities and residents for the apprehension of those concerned in the affair, including an off of $1,000 purporting in a letter received by Mayor S. R. Aldrige to be from the Ku Klux Klan. As a result of police investigation of the Etheredge and Phillip Rothblum whippings at Dallas Police Sergeant Louis Spencer and Patrolman Paul Adair were suspended from the police force and Patrolman J. J. Crawford was discharged. Charges of aggravated assault upon Rothblum were filed against Crawford. Etheredge told officers that his assailants said he was the sixty-third man flogged at Dallas recently.

Agents of the United States Department of Justice at Dallas under the direction of Charles E. Breniman are collecting data regarding flogging incidents with a view to determing whether or not the floggings are a violation of the Federal civil rights bill passed soon after the war between the States. The law was designed to protect persons in the exercise of their civil rights. Etheredge declared his intention not to be intimidated into leaving Dallas. Several threatening telephone calls have been received by him during the last few days warning him to leave under penalty of death.

Walter Gibbs, 25, was shot to death at Nashville, Ark., on Mach 20 while endeavoring to protect Joel Harris, 60 from masked men. Harris, who was visiting at Gibbs's home was taken out whipped and ordered to leave town. He left. Harris had been accused of consorting with colored women, it is said.

WHIPPED TARRED AND FEATHERED

J. A. Pelt, 63 former Justice of the Peace at Sour Lake, near Beaumont, Texas was knocked unconscious with the butt of a pistol, whipped, tarred and feathered by unmasked men on March 20 at Beaumont. Pelt and his wife had left Sour Lake because of warnings and had been ordered to leave Beaumont. They knew of no reason for the attack and denied reports of malpractice made against Mrs. Pelt.

On the night of March 4 the Rev. J. M. Keller a Catholic priest who had been rector of St. Joseph's parish at Slaton, Texas, since 1916 was taken from his house by a band of masked men, spirited out of town, whipped, tarred and feathered. Previous to the attack Mr. Keller had been warned to leave town, and on the afternoon of March 4 a mass meeting was held at Slaton at which it was said, efforts to have him removed from Slaton parish had been unavailing. Mr. Keller who is of German origin, had been the subject of criticism during the war. After the attack he left Slaton.

Three colored bellboys employed in hotels at Okmulgee, Okla., were beaten by a band of unmasked men on the night of March 4. The men told them it was their purpose to "rid hotels of porters who solicit guests in behalf of women who sell whisky."

Phillip Rothblum, a picture framer was seized at his home in Dallas Texas on the night of March 6 by a band of unmasked men, taken to an isolated point outside of Dallas, severely flogged and warned "to leave town." Rothblum and his wife left for Little Rock, Ark., the following day. It was said he had been accused of immoral practices A vigorous denunciation of the Rothblum affair was made by Mayor S. R Aldrege and by District Judge Robert B. Seay of Dallas.

Rev. John E. Green Gets $50 From Liberty Klan

Houston Post Special.

DAYTON, Texas, April 9.—When Rev. John E. Green of Houston arose to deliver his Sunday evening message at the Methodist church in this city, where he is holding a revival meeting, he found an envelope on the pulpit containing $50 in bills and the following typewritten letter:

Rev. John E. Green.

Dayton, Texas, April 9, 1922.—Dear Sir: We, as members of Liberty Klan No. 40, Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, wish to express to you our appreciation of the faithful services you have rendered the people of Dayton and vicinity by the earnest and helpful Christian messages you have delivered at the Methodist church during the past week.

As an organization that stands on the principles of 100 per cent Americanism, liberty, white supremacy, separation of church and state, free speech, free press, pure American womanhood, sanctity of the home, the upbuilding of the constitution and constitutional laws and the Christian religion, indorse all you have presented to our people, and as a token of the high esteem in which we hold you as a man and in appreciation of the honest efforts put forth by you, beg that you accept this small remembrance in the spirit in which we tender it. Faithfully yours,

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
Liberty No. 40, Realm of Texas.

4/11/22 Publishers Post

STRONG UPHOLDS KLAN IN SPEECH

ON SENATE RACE

Houston Tex. Post

Candidate Expresses Approval for Organization

4/8/22

Houston Post Special.

MERIDIAN, Texas, April 7.— Sterling P. Strong, speaking here Thursday in behalf of his candidacy for the United States senate, among other things said:

"I am the only candidate for the United States senate who has publicly indorsed the Ku Klux Klan. I am not authorized to speak for the klan, nor does it need any defense from me. The organization is amply able to take care of itself, and after all this hulabaloo has blown over about mob rule and other dire calamities the klan will be going serenely on doing that which will make our country a fit place in which to live and cause constitutional law to reign supreme.

"The klan was instituted to help uphold the constitution and laws of our country during these days when the bootlegger, backed by millions of money from the most unscrupulous criminals the world has ever known, is trying to nullify our laws and make our government a joke in the eyes of the world. The klan stands for our public free schools forever, and is here to assist in every legitimate way the spread of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The leaders of the klan are incapable of doing an unlawful act, and they stoutly demand of the membership obedience to all laws of our country. There may be some lecherous scoundrel in a community who has so outraged society that all patience and forbearance of decent people is exhausted. In such a case some of the boys may have overstepped the bounds of discretion and applied the lash. These irregularities may have occurred oftener than they should, but the leadership will correct all this, and those who are having fits about mob law will find it more comfortable to calm themselves, for when the purposes of the klan prevail constitutional government will be supreme in this land of ours.

"Yes, klansmen wear regalia ('bed sheets and pillow slips') for a very wise reason. When they make demands or move in any direction to bring about reforms the regalia removes the individuality, and the weight of the organization is brought to bear and felt, thereby accomplishing more certain and lasting results.

"The klan is not a political organization, but I understand all klansmen, their wives and sons and daughters of voting age, all have their poll tax receipts. Those who know say that klansmen and their sympathizers are about 65 to 35 in ratio out of each 100 voters throughout the State, the average reaches that. Of course there is more strength shown in some communities than others. I want to say to you that if I can secure a goodly number of that bunch to vote for me, your next United States senator is talking to you now.

"And let me say a word here about the peace officers of Dallas and Dallas county. I feel it is due them, because there has been such a concerted attempt to cast a stygma upon them at this time. Dallas has a police force unexcelled throughout the country, and the sheriff of Dallas county is second to none. There is less lawlessness in Dallas than any other section of the United States.

"Any one who has observed things only casually knows that the bootlegger and the debaucher of womanhood, and other criminals, undertook to ply their heinous occupations throughout the land on a colossal scale. I can say to you that I know the Ku Klux Klan has done more to bring these criminals to justice in this great State of ours than any other factor. The klan is a militant organization, whose strength can be easily and quickly mobilized, and whose power is never used only in the interest of clean living and constitutional government. It is not a mob, but stands against mob rule with every fiber of strength at its command."

Klansmen Give Flowers To Preacher at Concert

Houston Tex. Post

Houston Post Special.

ORANGE, Texas, March 7.—Filing silently into the First Baptist church Tuesday night, where a big throng had assembled to attend the recital by the Girls' Choral club of Baylor college, six knights of the Ku Klux Klan walked down the aisle of the church, halting in front of Rev. W. R. Brown, pastor of the church, presented him with a basket of flowers and a note. The klansmen, who were garbed in the regalia of the order, then filed silently out another aisle of the church and disappeared. The note which the klansmen left with Rev. W. R. Brown was read by him to the audience.

KLAN RESOLUTION PASSED FOLLOWING DEATH OF JUDGE

Sterling Qualities of John W. Lewis Praised

Houston Tex Post

The following resolution signed by Sam Houston klan No. 1, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was received by The Houston Post: 4/20/22

"Resolution on the death of our fellow klansman, Judge John W. Lewis.

"Whereas, Almighty God in his wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our esteemed and well beloved fellow klansman, Judge John W. Lewis; and

"Whereas, his death is a distinct and irreparable loss to his family and friends, the judiciary, his county and to our klan; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by Sam Houston klan No. 1, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, that we deplore the death of our beloved fellow klansman, Judge John W. Lewis, judge of the county court at law of Harris county, Texas, for two years immediately prior to his death, during which time he served our citizenship faithfully and well, according equal justice to all and special privileges to none. That in his death our State has lost a noble, patriotic public spirited citizen and officer, the poor and friendless an ever ready friend, his family a devoted son and brother, and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan a loyal klansman. That we extend to all those who mourn his death, and particularly to his family our sincerest sympathy in their hereavement, assuring them that his life among us has been an inspiration and a blessing, and that there is much comfort in the assurance that what counts most is not how long, but how well one lives, and that in his every act he measured up to the highest type of patriotic citizenship. He was a real man; be it

"Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of this klan, that a copy be transmitted to the mother of deceased and a copy furnished to the press of the city."

The Committee.

Adopted by Sam Houston klan No. 1, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1922.

Sam Houston klan No. 1, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Ku Klux Klan Initiates 2 Hundred at Taylor

Houston Tex. Post 4/8/22

Associated Press Report.

TAYLOR, Texas, April 7.—Taylor had its first view of a Ku Klux initiation Friday evening when about 200 were initiated in Eckhart's pasture in Northeast Taylor. Hundreds of cars were parked before sundown to get a good position to witness the initiation, which was pulled off at about 9 o'clock. Onlookers were held about a quarter of a mile away from the initiation by guards, so the ceremonies were seen and not heard.

The Eckhart pasture was brilliantly illuminated so the robed figures and the fiery red cross could be seen for quite a distance. About 500 robed klansmen officiated in the initiation. Rumors were to the effect that Temple, Bartlett, Granger and Round Rock klansmen assisted.

Local newspapers received instructions to make public the fact that the initiation would take place so 5000 or 6000 spectators were on the scene.

MASKED FLOGGERS KILL ONE, LACERATE THREE

Brand Arizona Man With Carbolic —Dallas Klan Offers $1,000 Reward for Assailants.

New York Times 3/22/22

DALLAS, Texas, March 21.—Dallas Klan 66, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in a letter to Mayor Aldredge today, authorized a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any of the masked men who last night flogged F. A. Etheridge, a lumberman. The "cyclops" of the klan pledge its assistance in running down the "hoodlums who committed this act."

Without regard to the social standing or the connection of persons who whipped Mr. Etheridge, the Grand Jury must return indictments against those responsible "for this outrage" when the proper evidence is submitted, Judge Pippen charged the Dallas County Jury today.

Etheridge was at work this morning. He said he was stiff and sore from the lashes. Mayor Aldredge said every policeman in the city was working on the case. Officers have been assigned to guard the Etheridge residence.

BEAUMONT, Texas, March 21.—Dragged from the front porch of his residence, knocked unconscious with a revolver when he resisted, carrie into the country and whipped, tarred and feathered, J. A. Pelt, aged 63, formerly a Justice of the Peace of Sour Lake, is suffering from high fever and wounds at his home here today.

Mrs. Pelt, who was sitting on the front porch with her husband when six men demanded that Mr. Pelt accompany them, said she was knocked down and bruised when she clung to him. She knew no reason for the attack, she said.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 21.—A complaint naming twelve men will be filed in court following the whipping last night of Rollin P. Jones, Principal of the Lehigh District School, it was announced today by the County Attorney. Jones was flogged with a leather quirt and marked on the face with carbolic acid, he told the County Attorney. He said his masked assailants kept asking him if he was guilty of an offense, of which he recently was acquitted, involving a girl.

NASHVILLE, Ark., March 21.—Police today are searching for masked men who late yesterday shot and killed Walter Giggs, 25 years old, when he attempted to protect Joel Harris, about 60, who was taken outside of the town and whipped severely after the killing of Gibbs.

Negro at Port Arthur Is Given Coat of Tar

Houston Tex. Post 3/22/22

Houston Post Special.

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, March 17.—A negro porter for a local hotel was picked up while on his way to the interurban station here today by several men and carried out of the city and given a generous coating of tar and feathers. He was later dumped out at the principal business corner practically nude. He was unable to recognize any of the men who took him out or even leave the city, which he expected to do. Thursday night a man here was taken from his home and severely whipped, those administering the punishment saying that he had treated his wife cruelly. the direction in which the auto was going when he was dumped out.

He said that the men charged that he had attempted familiarity with a white woman and that he had been ordered to

KLAN INNOCENT IN DALLAS CASE, DETECTIVES SAY

Outsiders Committed Outrage, Burns Head Asserts

Houston Tex. Post 3/28/22

Houston Post Special.

DALLAS, Texas, March 27.—New evidence which probably will show that neither policemen nor members of the Ku Klux Klan had any part in the recent flogging of E. H. Etheredge, prominent business man, has been unearthed by the Burns Detective Agency, which is working on the case, according to Jerome K. Dealey, manager of the local agency. Mr. Dealey refused to say who had employed the organization, but said that his men here were working in co-operation with Sheriff Dan Harston and Police Commissioner Turley.

Mr. Dealey declared that it is now believed that persons living in the neighborhood of the Temple Lumber company kidnaped and flogged Etheredge, who is manager of the lumber firm. A youth, apparently about 18 years of age, drove the large car in which Etheredge was spirited away, according to information gathered by Mr. Dealey. It is said that neighbors of Etheredge have supplied the force of private detectives with valuable information.

City and county officers Monday were investigating a statement made by Edward Engers, who was kidnaped and flogged several months ago, to the effect that Buck Parsons, deputy sheriff and candidate for constable, was one of his assailants. Parsons at present is sick in bed. He denies knowledge of the whipping of Engers.

Klan Held Blameless by Eastland District Judge

Houston Tex. Post 4/11/22

Houston Post Special.

EASTLAND, Texas, April 10.—The Ku Klux Klan in Eastland county has committed no acts that have been called to the attention of Judge Davenport that would justify or authorize criticism from this court, the judge declared in delivering his charge to the newly impaneled grand jury of the Ninety-first district court.

He stated that so long as this organization, referring to the klan or other kindred organization, are ing to assist the organized government forces toward the enforcement of our laws no one has any to criticize. If the klan commany wrongful acts, however, it d receive the condemnation of lawabiding citizens, he stated. robed klansmen recently handed munication to a church congrestating there were 1000 memn Eastland county.

TEARS OFF MASK.

Now School Boy Is Notified He Will Hear From Ku Klux Klan.

4/12/22 Memphis

MARSHALL, Tex., April 11.—Merritt Gibson, school boy, who tore a mask from the face of one of three men said to have been wearing the costume of the Ku Klux Klan Saturday night, today said he is not worrying over a message which he said he had received, stating that he had committed an unpardonable sin against the "invisible empire," and that he "would hear from the Ku Klux Klan later."

Saturday night at the central school house, situated in the western part of the county, the question was debated, "Resolved, that the Ku Klux Klan should be disbanded." Just as the boys had finished debating and were awaiting the decision, three masked persons marched up the aisle of the school house.

Gibson, one of the debaters against the klan, tore the mask from one of the men. The man was not recognized. Hurriedly the three men left and joined about 40 other white-robed figures waiting in automobiles.

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Texas.

Corsicana K. K. K. Attend Movie "Birth of a Nation"

Houston Post Special.

CORSICANA, Texas, Dec. 31.—The first official appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in Corsicana occurred Thursday afternoon and last night when they appeared at a local moving picture theater where the "Birth of a Nation" was being shown. On several previous occasions the Klan has made cash donations to various charitable causes, but this is the first time the Klan has made a personal appearance in this city. The white-robed figures made a profound impression on all who witnessed their appearance. After leaving the theater the klansmen climbed in automobiles and sped west from the city. The number plates of the autos had been covered for the occasion.

Bonfire Lights K. K. K. Initiation at Crosby

Houston Post Special.

CROSBY, Texas, Jan. 3.—Beneath a pale moon shadowed from view at times by hazy clouds, a band of men shrouded in the white robes of the Ku Klux Klan met Tuesday night on a wind-swept prairie fiive miles north of Crosby and initiated a number of candidates.

The initiation was said to have been held under the auspices of the Crosby klan, although it was stated that automobiles passing through Crosby coming from towards Houston were filled with visiting klansmen from Houston and Goose Creek.

About an hour after dark a large bonfire flared up on the prairie. The blaze could be seen for miles. Soon after 7 o'clock automobiles appeared on the road and they were seen to be turned into the gate to the prairie by white-robed figures.

When apparently all the klansmen had arrived, the sacred altar of the Invisible Empire was seen raised beside the smouldering flames of the bonfire and the ritual lighted by the bonfire and the flashes of electric torches in the hands of klansmen was performed.

A barbecue followed the intiation.

Cuero Judge Orders Jury To Probe Ku Klux Klan

Houston Post Special.

CUERO, Texas, Jan. 4.—Denouncing the acts of the Ku Klux Klan as lawless and opposed to every basic principle upon which the government is founded, Judge John M. Green charged the grand jury for the January term of district court, which convened in Cuero Wednesday to investigate thoroughly the acts of the klan in all quarters of De Witt county.

Judge Green spent most of the time discussing the works of the klan.

"The federal and State governments sweep the field with regard to punishment," he stated. "When any body of men assume authority for themselves to punish and take upon themselves governmental powers, their acts are unjustifiable and should be condemned by every liberty loving citizen.

"That they do some things which should be done is admitted. Yet no man or body of men are higher than the law.

"The evils of government can not be cured by lawlessness. The Ku Klux Klan only tends to make them worse," he declared.

Ku Klux Klansmen Parade Main Streets of Corsicana

COSICANA, Texas, Jan. 11.—About 500 men masked and garbed in the regalia of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan paraded the main business street here tonight at 9 o'clock. The parade was led by the usual horsemen bearing a fiery cross, emblem of the klan. Citizens lined the sidewalks and applause was frequently heard.

Sheriff Indicted For Death of Man During K. K. K. Parade

Waco, Texas, January 19.—The grand jury this afternoon indicted Sheriff Bob Buchanan in connection with the killing of Louis Crow, at Lorena, October 1. Crow was stabbed during an attempt to stop a Ku Klux Klan parade, and died four days later. Buchanan himself was shot twice. Seven others were wounded. No other indictments have been returned in connection with the affair.

Palestine Klan Initiates Class of From 75 to 100

Houston Post Special.

PALESTINE, Texas, Jan. 21.—On a hill about a mile east of here on the State railroad Thursday night between 9 and 11 o'clock between 500 and 600 klansmen, robed in their regalia, and bearing the fiery cross of the order, initiated between 75 and 100 new members, according to a statement made by one of the editors of the Palestine Daily Herald, who was invited to witness the ceremonies from a distance.

The klansmen, dressed in white robes and caps, formed in a wide square around an open space, entrance to which was guarded by sentries placed at all approaches to the grounds.

Within the hollow square the initiates were marched in file and given what is supposed to be the klan obligation. Although the night was freezing cold and a bitter north wind blowing, the affair was orderly and quite impressive, according to the reporter.

Suit for $200,000 Filed Against Ku Klux Klan

Suit for $200.000 damages was filed in the United States district court Saturday against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., by Miss Nelda Meyer, late of Needville, Texas. L. C. Masterson denied reporters the privilege of seeing the petition, stating that no process had as yet been issued.

The Ku Klux Klan at Austin

Harpoon

When the Harpoon moved from Austin to San Antonio, a large committee, consisting of not less than a dozen men, came to my office, and begged me to remain in the Capitol City—basing their plea with the following argument:

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"The moral and religious influence of the Harpoon has worked wonders in this city, not only in reducing the enormous stock of intoxicating liquors formerly held by local dealers, but in the uplift of the entire citizenship. While we know that the liquor traffic will never be entirely destroyed, your unselfish work along that line has reduced the evil to a minimum, and we want you to stay on the job. And in order to show our appreciation, we renew our pledge to continue our personal aid in the good work of putting down the liquor evil, wherever we can lay our hands on it.

I explained to the boys, the fact, that San Antonio needed my assistance, more than Austin needed it—that while there was one pint of the Demon Rum that should be put down in Austin, there was a barrel in San Antonio, that should be destroyed. They finally recognized the point—and promised to run over often and help me put it down.

My work in San Antonio was not such a hard job as I anticipated, for just about the time I got a reform wave fairly started, and was putting down the liquor faster than it could be served, Old Man Volstead got up to the bar—and blo-o-ey—the battle was won.

Naturally, I lay claim to a modest proportion of honors in downing the liquor traffic—and will help again, if I have the chance. It is always best to tell the truth.

But War has been declared in Austin, and the battle is raging—since the Harpoon moved to San Antonio. From what I can glean from partisan papers, the fight seems to be staged along peculiar lines.

First—District Judge Hamilton has developed an intense hatred for the new order in this county, known as the Ku Klux Klan, and declares he is going to clean 'em up.

Prominently arrayed on the judge's side are two Austin attorneys—John Shelton, ex-County Attorney, and Warren Moore, ex-District Attorney. Both of these distinguished lawyers are well known in San Antonio——especially Mr. Moore. It's a funny line-up, to outsiders, who are familiar with Austin and Austin history.

Judging from press reports and other information which I am inclined to credit, it seems that the K. K. K.'s of that city are violently opposed to bootlegging activities—claiming that, being a school town, as well as the capital of the State, the liquor traffic should not be tolerated.

It is charged that the attorneys in question are responsible for the bootleggers escaping legal punishment—and a warning sent to that effect precipitated a disturbance at the Klan's hall, in which one of the alleged disturbers was killed, while in a car near the hall door—after shots had been fired from the car, in the direction of the hall.

Yes—it is funny, to those familiar with the good city of Austin.

Who in the blazing hell would ever have dreamed that Austin people would have selected one, or all of the talented gentlemen referred to—as special leaders in a center rush for moral and religious uplift? However, Austin may not have made the selection, and all these efforts may be entirely altruistic—or unselfish—upon the part of the volunteers.

I reiterate the fact that I hold no brief for the Ku Klux Klan, but I am a stickler for truth and justice. I am also a firm believer in the theory that the man who aids or abets a law-breaker to escape just punishment, is *particeps criminis*.

It is not the time to print the full story of the Austin killing—or the men connected with it—but at the proper time I will do it—and do it right.

TEXAS KIDNAPPERS BEAT I.W.W. LAWYER

Harold F. Mulke, Run Out of Shreveport, Goes to Dallas Hospital.

New York Times

FLOGGED AND PUT ON TRAIN

1/15/22

American Civil Liberties Union Demands Immediate Action by Governor of Texas.

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 14.—Harold F. Mulks of Chicago, counsel for two alleged I. W. W. men convicted at Shreveport on vagrancy charges, arrived here today from Greenville, Texas, and went immediately to a local hospital for treatment for injuries received when he was flogged last night by a band of men at Shreveport.

GREENVILLE, Texas, Jan. 14.—Harold F. Mulks arrived at Greenville today on a Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train, on which he was placed last night by a band of men who had severely flogged him after kidnapping him from his hotel at Shreveport.

The men, Mulks said, directed the conductor not to let him off the train "this side of Dallas." He showed marks of

the flogging.

Wallace Fowler, a Greenville policeman, who talked to Mulks at the station, said Mulks told him he had been warned to leave Shreveport several days ago, but had not heeded the "suggestion."

"I was told not to stop this side of Dallas, but I am certain I will not stop this side of Chicago," Mulks was quoted by Fowler as having said.

Mulks left here on the train on which he arrived.

SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 14.—Harold F. Mulks, lawyer for two alleged I. W. W. members recently convicted in vagrancy charges, who was kidnapped last night by two unmasked men, was placed aboard a Westbount Missouri, Kansas & Texas train at Greenwood, according to official reports reaching here today.

Mulks was said to be a representative of the American Civil Liberties League of New York. He was in a hotel lobby conversing wit ththe clerk when two men accosted him and told him to come along. He resisted, struggled with the men and shouted "murder," but the men shoved him out of the hotel and into an automobile which sped toward the Texas State line, twenty miles west.

The men did not injure Mulks seriously, it was stated.

Claude Irwin and W. M. Hickey, the men Mulks same here to defend, appealed to District Court to keep them in jail for their "personal safety."

W. M. Carney, a lawyer, said to be from Oklahoma City, came here to investigate Hickey's case, but soon afterward disappeared from this vicinity. Police, however, expressed the belief that Garney left Shreveport of his own volition, as no complaints had been received from him.

I. W. W. agitators visited Western Louisiana several years ago, and there was considerable bloodshed before the agitators were driven out. No additional I. W. W. activities has been reported in the State until recently, when police began a seriees of raids which resulted in the conviction of Irwin, Hickey and a third man named Joe Graves.

Immediate investigation of the alleged kidnaping of Harold Mulks, of Chicago, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, was demanded in telegrams sent by the union yesterday to Governor Parker of Louisiana and Commissioner of Public Safety Stringfellow of Shreveport.

The telegram declared Mr. Mulks had been assured protection by Mr. Stringfellow while he was in Shreveport representing members of the Industrial Workers of the World imprisoned at the parish farm.

Asserting that treatment similar to that accorded Mulks had been meted out last Thursday to an I. W. W. lawyer named Carney, the telegram declared the conditions demanded "immediate action."

A statement issued by the union said the imprisoned I. W. W. workers at the parish farm had been arrested for alleged vagrancy at a Standard Oil Company camp, despite the fact that they were on the camp payroll. Their only offense, it was asserted, consisted of possessing I. W. W. cards. One of the prisoners was declared to be ill from mistreatment by his jailers.

Last Tribute Is Paid Drilling Contractor By Knights of Klan

Houston Post 2/11/22

Associated Press Report.

RANGER, Texas, Feb. 11—Four men, garbed in robes bearing the insignia of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan placed a wreath of carnations on the body of C. R. Thompson, drilling contractor, killed Monday in a gas explosion. The body was at the railroad station awaiting shipment to his former home in Shelton, Wash. The robed figures stepped from an automobile and walked through the crowd at the station to the casket. Not a word was spoken by the masked figures, nor members of the crowd.

Ku Klux Klan Initiates 700 Candidates at Austin

Houston Post 2/3/22

Associated Press Report.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 2.—More than 700 candidates were initiated here Thursday night into Capital City Chapter, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at a ceremonial held north of the city. About 1500 persons attended the initiation, including the candidates.

In addition to the usual initiatory ceremonies, several addresses were made, according to newspaper men allowed to be present, pointing out alleged immoral conditions existing in Austin and denouncing anti-American tendencies.

WACO, Texas, Feb. 2.—Nine hundred and thirty-seven new members were taken into the Ku Klux Klan at a meeting here Thursday night, according to information given to local newspapers. Two hundred and fifty other members were signed up, but could not be taken in Thursday night because of lack of room in the building where the meeting was held, it was said.

K. K. K. TRADITIONS STAND AS BEACON, ORATOR DECLARES

Houston Sat. Post 2/10/22

Robed Figure Recalls History of Organization Following Parade

MANY HUNDREDS MARCH IN GRANGER

"Invisible Empire" Protected White Race When Destruction Threatened"

Houston Post Special.

GRANGER, Texas, March 9.—What was estimated to be 1000 fully robed Knights of the Ku Klux Klan paraded the streets here Thursday night. Without warning the shrouded figures, headed by a flaming, fiery cross and an American flag, entered the city from the south and silently wended their way through the business district.

Following the parade through the Main street a tall figure attired in the regalia of a Knight of the Invisible Empire mounted on a truck and delivered an oration on the old Southern klan.

Silence was maintained throughout the address, but at completion cheers broke forth from the thousands that crowded the streets.

The oration follows:

"The noble achievements of the Ku Klux Klan shine wits undiminished effulgence through the gathering mist of accumulated years, an eloquent tribute to the chivalry and patriotism of the past and the holy heroism of our fathers in preserving to us the sacred heritage of a superior race, political supremacy, racial integrity, social peace and security and to humanity the boon of cultured civilization.

"It abides the malicious slanders of the age and is an inexhaustible source of inspiration to those of this generation who aspire to all things noble and good for themselves, our country and our race.

Victims Stood Aghast.

"When the shuddering peals of thunder of the impending storm of the American reconstruction were heard above the fading echoes of the battles of the great civil war, the chosen victims stood aghast, wondering at the meaning and purpose of the gathering gloom.

"Darkness gathered apace and the demons were released from hell's most dismal depths. The blighting hand of devastation was laid heavy upon the Southern people, a people pauperized, bleeding, prostrated and defenseless. These turned to the power of the national government for protection, but were spurned with contempt and scorn. They had been promised protection in the possession of property, in the pursuit of peaceful employment and in every political and civil rights formerly possessed by them as citizens of the national commonwealth, but the national government repudiated the solemn promise and inaugurated the most disgraceful epoch in the annals of the nation.

"Constitutional law was stripped of the vestments of civilized sovereignty of 4000 years and was mocked by political pirates in the legislative assemblies and, by the enactments of these assemblies, the hands on the dial of the clock of civilization in the tower of human progress were turned back thousands of years.

Chastity of Womanhood Imperiled.

"The chastity of the mother, wife, sister and daughter were imperiled, life and living were made intolerable.

"Ignorance, lust and hate seized the reins of state. Riot, rapine and ruin reigned supreme. The very purity of the blood of the Caucasian race was threatened with contamination.

"That anguish-laden cry was heard and answered by the knights of the invisible empire. Not one faltered or failed as duty pointed the way in the cause of humanity and civilization. They came, they saw, they conquered. From over the mysterious borderlands from the empire of the soul the Klu Klux Klan came.

"They responded to that call a hundred thousand strong and rode forth to brave dangers and hardships unknown; to face death in a thousand forms.

Nation Saved From Ruin.

"They dissipated the storm of the American reconstruction and won the plaudits of an intelligent, unprejudiced world. They stemmed the tide of despotic usurpation and tyrannical greed and rescued the entire counry from utter disgrace and ruin. They re-established racial rights and the sovereignity of law, redressed the wrong, made secure political supremacy, started anew the wheels of industry and made possible the birth of the greatest nation of all times, 'Theof United States of America.'

"The sound of music again was heard in the land, their purpose and mission was ended, they laid aside their spotless robes and the greatest order of chivalry in alla history disbanded, for the Ku Klux Klan rode no more.

"The spirit of the Ku Klux Klan still lives and should live, a priceless heritage, to be sacredly treasured by all those who love their country, regardless of section, and are proud of its sacred traditions."

"Kidnaped" Beaumont Man Refuses to Take "Abduction" Seriously

Houston Post 2/22/22

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Feb. 21.—Numbered among the missing since Monday night at 10 o'clock, when he was taken from an automobile at the point of revolvers held in the hands of unmasked strangers and driven away, Sam Patterson, age 25 years, appeared at his room in the Clairemont apartments, 988 Liberty avenue, just before noon Tuesday.

Apparently he had been unharmed in any way. Deputy Sheriff Artie Pollock and a reporter were in the room at the time Mr. Patterson came in. Considerable concern for his safety had been expressed by friends, and the officers were making an effort to locate him.

Mr. Patterson entered the room carrying on his arm a pair of freshly pressed trousers, and smiling. He was cool.

"Where have you been?" asked the deputy sheriff.

"Boy, I have been somewhere," said Mr. Patterson, smiling.

"Some of your friends thought maybe you had been killed," the reporter said.

"Well, I am here, you see."

"Have a cigaret," he added, passing the package.

The kidnaping of Sam Patterson created a sensation Monday night. He was driving along Liberty avenue in an automobile driven by Dick Craig, and in which were riding Jack Brough and another young Beaumonter, when, at the Sixth street intersection, the automobile was overhauled by another car coming from behind. Two men said they wanted Mr. Patterson and threw a sack over his head, at the same time muffling his speech, and then took him into their car.

Ku Klux Klan Donates $100 to Diamond Jubilee

Houston Post 2/11/22

Associated Press Report.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 3.—While nearly 5000 persons were gathered in the Travis Park auditorium Friday night in celebration of the diamond jubilee of the Protestant churches of this city, eight men masked and hooded in Ku Klux Klan regalia marched into the church. They advanced to the pulpit, where their leader handed Rev. Arthur J. Moore, who was presiding over the meeting, a card and a sealed envelope. In the envelope was a $100 bill and a letter.

The letter said that the money was a gift from the San Antonio chapter of the Klan to defray expenses of the jubilee. The card explained the purposes of the Klan. Both were signed "Ku Klux Klan" and bore the Klan seal. Then at a whistle from the leader, the masked men wheeled about and marched out of a side door, entered antomobiles and sped away. There was no disorder.

"WORK OF THE K. K. K."

Man Left in Cold Winds Wearing the Conventional Tar.

Commercial Appeal 2/2/22

PLAIN VIEW, Texas, Feb. 1.—Only a pair of trousers and a coat of tar and feathers shielded George E. Bass from the cold winds which swept across the Texas Panhandle last night. Thus clad he was turned loose in front of a drug store by a band of masked men. His back was badly bleeding, according to witnesses.

Adhering to the thick coat of tar on his body, according to witnesses, was a card bearing the words: "Work of the K. K. K."

Bass made no statement. Bass was tried here yesterday morning on a charge of attacking a 14-year-old girl. He was freed on recommendation of Judge R. C. Joiner, who stated that he did not believe Bass could be convicted under the law.

Klansmen at Galveston Give Evangelist $100

Houston Post 2/12/22

Houston Post Special.

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 10.—Six robed Klansmen, believed to be members of the Galveston body, marched up the aisle of the First Baptist church here Sunday night, presented Evangelist Charles Taylor with a letter containing $100 and silently departed.

As Rev. Mr. Taylor read the letter setting forth the aims and principles of the klan the audience cheered.

Marshall Business Man Tarred and Feathered

Houston Post 2/21/22

Associated Press Report.

MARSHALL, Texas, Feb. 20.—Four unmasked men Monday night abducted Ray Daniels, manager of a local mercantile store, took him outside the city limits and tarred and feathered him. Daniels, according to witnesses, was in front of the post office when seized. These witnesses, according to police, say the men were strangers. Daniels, it is said, received a letter several days ago advising him to leave town.

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Texas

KU KLUX CANNOT HOLD OFFICE

It remained for a Texas judge to lay down the law that a county official who had taken the oath of allegiance to the Ku Klux Klan, could not continue to hold his office. This simple but perfectly consistent decision was rendered by Judge Robert Street of Galveston in the sixtieth district court at Beaumont, when Tom G. Garner, sheriff of Jefferson County, was removed from office on the ground that his official oath as sheriff was contravened and contradicted by the oath he had taken to the Klan. This constituted official misconduct and was held by the court to be sufficient cause to remove him from office.

This decision will be appealed of course, as it is regarded as a body blow to the organization that has become so active in Texas. If it should be affirmed by the highest court, it will mean that no officer of the state of Texas can hold office and at the same time subscribe to the oath required to become a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In other words, every officeholder in the State will be subject to removal upon proof of having taken the oath to the Klan.

As the verdict was rendered by instruction of the judge, the jury was not polled, but it was stated that eleven of them signed a statement that if they had been allowed to pass upon the case, they would have decided in favor of retaining the sheriff in office. The acuteness of the judge in arriving at his decision was shown by his rejoinder to a statement by counsel for the sheriff that the oath taken by the Klan member was not in contravention to the oath of office of a peace officer of the State. In passing upon this plea, Judge Street held that "the portion of the oath of the Ku Klux Klan that makes the observance of the constitution and the severance of church and state and other matters of that kind, is really camouflage, and is introduced for the purpose of misleading the unwary and the ignorant."

The Garner case grew out of the activities of the Klan in Beaumont about a year ago, which gave rise to several tar and feather parties, the participants on both sides being whites. A citizens committee was organized to call upon the city and county officials to put a stop to mob violence and charges were made that the sheriff was a member of the Klan.

While this case does not seem to involve the activities of the Klan, as directed against the Negro, it should have a far reaching effect in making the membership of state officials in that organization a serious matter for them. It might even result in the decision that the oath of allegiance to the Klan is in contravention of the oath of allegiance to the United States.

If this legal dictum was pushed to its logical end, it might result in vacating a number of seats in both Houses of Congress.

Let the good work go on.

TAR AND FEATHER VICTIM TESTIFIES IN GARNER TRIAL

Ouster Case Gets Under Way; Sheriff Denies Charges

Houston Post 6/8/22

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, June 7.—John A. Pelt, named in ouster proceedings brought against Sheriff Tom Garner by the citizens committee, testified Wednesday that two of the sheriff's deputies participated in his abduction, tar and feathering several weeks ago.

Garner is being tried here before Judge Robert Street, of Galveston, on charges of being remiss in the duties of his office due to connection with the Ku Klux Klan. The sheriff in answer to the removal petition denies any laxity in performing the duties of his office and answers several charges made against the Klan.

The trial got under way proper early Wednesday morning. Selection of a jury was completed late Tuesday afternoon, when court recessed until Wednesday.

Fred Scroggins, who said he saw the abduction of Pelt testified that three men seized the justice from his porch and drove away with him in an automobile. Scroggins denied that he recognized Deputy Wallace as one of the men. He stated he did not report the af... to Sheriff Garner but to one of his deputies.

C. Y. Gregory, second witness, also gave details of the abduction.

Pelt, who is a lawyer and surveyor (Red) Wallace and Artie Pollock were the men who participated in the affair.

Pelt, who is a lawyer arn surveyor according to his testimony, declared there were eight or 10 men in the party that kidnaped him, and that they took him from his rooms, in Milam street, carried him 300 feet to an automobile which contained five other men, drove him then to Pine Island bayou, 24 miles distant and at this point 15 or 20 automobiles, he stated, joined the party coming from Sour Lake containing a number of men. Here he was stripped and given 25 licks. Tar was poured on him and feathers stuck on to the tar.

Pelt then stated he was put into a closed car by three men Bob Stevens, Bob Lusk and Owen Lord, driven to Sour Lake and dumped out in that city. He went to his law office in Sour Lake to clean himself with gasoline but upon learning that he could get a train at Grayburg, a mile and half distance he secured a jitney car, caught the train and arrived back in Beaumont the same night of the whipping at about 1: o'clock.

Before he was whipped a suit of union overalls was placed over his head, he testifies. Also before he was whipped he was asked if he had not been warned to leave Sour Lake and not to make any more reports about the Sour Lake postoffice.

Pelt testified that he had been a justice of the peace at Sour Lake for 20 years and was at one time a county commissioner in Hardin county. He left Sour Lake March 6th this year for Beaumont 24 days before he was

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TAR AND FEATHER VICTIM TESTIFIES IN GARNER TRIAL

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whipped and tarred and carried back to that place.

Before the whipping incident in this city he also stated that he had told Judge W. H. Davidson of the fifty eighth district court that the Ku Klux Klan of Sour Lake had been after him for ten months and that he asked Judge Davidson for protection.

In the cross examination of Pelt it was brought out that Deputy Wallace had been to Pelt's rooms in this city to serve a capias issued by the authorities of Hardin for the arrest of Pelt's wife.

Cross examination also revealed a statement from Pelt that he told several parties at Sour Lake the night he was dumped out there after being tarred and feathered that he did not know who the parties were making the visitation upon him, and that he had never made any report to the sheriff department in this city. In alleging official's misconduct as the basis for the removal of Sheriff Tom Garner both Wallace and Pollock are named in the petition as being participants in tar and feather parties.

FORT WORTH TEX TELEGRAM
APRIL 9, 1922

HENRY TELLS AUDIENCE HE IS PROUD TO BE LISTED AS MEMBER OF KU KLUX KLAN

"I stand here with the right and full authority and am proud and honored to say I am a member of Ku Klux Klan. We hurl defiance at the Dallas News, which says we must be destroyed. We hurl defiance at the Citizens' Leagues that are formed to stamp us out. We are ready for them. Let them come. The Klan is not anti-Jew. It is not anti-Catholic, but the Catholics are anti-Klan. It is a menace and an obstruction to a great roligious organization that would destroy it, because it is bringing more boys directly and more girls indirectly into Protestant churches than any other organization in the world."

These phrases fell from the lips of R. L. Henry of Waco, candidate for the United States Senate, as he spoke before a crowded Chamber of Commerce Auditorium Saturday night. Many times as he made telling statements and the building roared with applause he would look toward the press table and declare: "Mark that down, I want the people to read it."

Predicts No Extra Session.

"I predict that Governor Pat M Neff will never call a special session of the Legislature," he declared, "to legislate against the Klan and if he does he will never be able to have a law passed that will do it, and added: "I may not go to the United States Senate, but the man who does go there will fight the battles of the Klan, but wherever I go up and down the land, one hand will be holding aloft the fiery cross and the other tne American flag.

Issue Thrust on Him.

Throughout his speech Henry referred to the Dallas News and the senior Senator from Texas, meaning Culberson, as thrusting the issue of the klan into the race.

"It was not of my choosing," he said, "but I had rather forfeit a seat in the Senate than to see the klan beaten in any such fight as that."

Henry outlined the principles of the klan as being for religious liberty, the right to separate church from state and the belief in Christ; belief in white supremacy; closer relations between capital and labor; prevention of mob violence; prevention of the destruction of property; opposition to I. W. W.; restriction of immigration and the upholding of the constitution.

When he had elaborated upon each one he asked the crowd if there were those in the audience who believed in the principles of the klan as outlined to please stand. With a yell that was spontaneous, three-fourths of the crowd jumped to its feet.

announcement that he was going to read the tenets and principles of the Klan, and that the News might parade them as much as it would. Taking the first tenet as belief in Christ, he asked if the News would repudiate that. With the stating of the second tenet as belief in white supremacy, he asked if Cullen Thomas would change that, remarking, "We have got them where we want them." Applause was heard when he declared that social equality of the negro with the white man never would be accepted in the South.

"We believe, the Klan believes, I should say," said the speaker, and paused for the applause, "in closer relations between capital and labor, and the Klan now is striving to do something to that end." He named as another principle of the Klan belief in the sanctity of the home and the protection of womanhood, repeating his challenge to Culberson and Thomas.

Drawing a vivid picture of white voters going to the ballot box between the bayonets of negro soldiers following the Civil War, he declared that his father was a Klansman, and that he, the speaker, was "a natural born Klansman." The present Klan, he said, is based on as holy a principle as that "of our fathers after the Civil War."

Other tenets named by the speaker included prevention of mob violence and destruction of property by the lawless, opposition to the I. W. W., restriction of immigration and upholding of the Constitution. He then took up the tenet of separation of church and state.

Wouldn't Remit Loan.

Henry in opening his speech declared there is a propaganda being started in Europe and at points in America advocatng the Allied debt to the United States of $16,000,000,000 be cancelled, but if he was elected to the Senate he would oppose cancelling a dollar of it. but would use his influence to divert $4,000,000 or $5,000,000 of it toward adjusted compensation for ex-soldiers, whom, he said, are not being property cared for.

Regarding State rights the speaker declared that "a horde of federalists" are taking the right of local government from the States and should be curbed. "Unless they are," he continued, "State lines will be obliterated. If the anti-lynching law passes there will be others; there will be a Federal law to govern marriage and divorce and other matters of local government."

Wants Direct Levy.

Henry expressed himself as favoring taxation by direct levy and through imports which would not discriminate against Southern products.

In beginning his speech he said

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that he had announced on well defined governmental issues, but collateral issues had been thrust upon him which must be answered.

Dudley Kent of Fort Worth introduced the speaker by saying that if Lucian Parrish had lived he would in all probability have been elected to the Senate, but it was decreed otherwise. The speaker add-

"The klan will answer the resolution passed at Dallas recently by the antiklan meeting," the speaker asserted, "and when it does it will take in 200 more members. The klan will continue to grow and no newspaper can destroy it."

Throughout he asserted time after time that every man had the right to worship God as he chose and that the liberty of religious freedom and schools were at stake.

The speaker declared his present address was one of the most important he had ever made, the subject the most vital, both to himself and to the people.

"We are facing a crisis," he declared. Asserting that he would not be willing to arouse a religious war, he made a plea for temperance in dealing with the matter, but expressed himself as being for "freedom of conscience, freedom of religion and freedom of the press."

Religious liberty, the speaker declared, is the greatest contribution of the United States to the world. "While I believe I am right in the religion I profess, I would not, had I the power, coerce any man in his, but I acknowledge no authority on the part of anyone to change my own views on religion."

For Ku Klux Klan.

Loud and sustained applause greeted his answer to the question propounded by the Dallas News in its questionnaire to Senatorial candidates, "Are you for or against the Ku Klux Klan?" when he said dramatically, "I am proud to say that I am for the Ku Klux Klan." He did not at this time make any reference to the other question propounded, "Are you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?"

The speaker then outlined what he said was the position of Senator Culberson and Cullen Thomas and the News. "Culberson said, over his signature, that the Klan must be destroyed," he declared. "I say it must and shall survive in Texas," he said amid applause. "Cullen Thomas said the Klan would die if it is not reformed," he continued. "I say, in the name of God, how would you reform it?"

"The News," he said, "says the Klan must be destroyed, and the News will not recede one iota from its position, but will continue to seek to destroy the Klan. The Klan accepts the issue, it will meet the News."

Henry then turned to the Anti-Ku Klux meeting which was held several nights ago in Dallas, which he asserted, said also that the Klan must go. "I also hurl defiance at Gen. M. M. Crane and his committee. They never will destroy the Klan," he declared.

Applause greeted the speaker's

SHERIFF GARNER WAS KLANSMAN, JUDGE TESTIFIES

Tells of Request for Him To Join Organization

Houston Post

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, June 8.—Following a two-hour cross examination of Dr. J. S. Paul by defense attorneys in the Tom H. Garner removal proceedings at Thursday's session of the trial, the attorneys for the complainants placed Judge W. H. Davidson of the 58th judicial district, upon the stand, continuing the presentation of impeachment evidence.

In a matter of fact way, Judge Davidson, told the jury in the 60th district court that George (Red) Wallace, a deputy under Sheriff Garner, called him over the phone for an appointment during the year of 1921. He accompanied Wallace in an auto to a hall over the "Broussard and Little" Undertaking establishment, thinking it a matter business.

At the top of the stairs he entered a room and was instructed to sit down. He said there were many tables and benches in the room, but still he did not know why he had been called for an appointment or what the nature of the business was. Other men came into the lodge room, the judge stated, and then a man came in who asked those present if they had signed cards. Several replied that they had, but Judge Davidson kept his seat until all except him had signed.

He was then instructed to step to one of the tables, where he could be shown the cards. He said that he looked at the card handed him and they were headed Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and contained a pledge, and some other printed matter about contributing $10. He then asked the man if he wanted him to sign these, and he replied, "yes."

Judge Davidson told the jury he refused to affix his signature because of his official position, which he thought made it obligatory upon him to remain a part of the great body of the people and not align himself with any organization. Upon his refusal to sign he was told, "it would not interfere with his judicial duties."

Judge Davidson said three men walked into the lodge room. He was asked by Steve M. King of complainant's counsel, if any of these men were connected with the county in an official position.

"One of them was Sheriff Garner and another was Mr. Wallace," Judge Davidson replied. Sheriff Garner, Judge Davidson, again testified, told him that "everybody in there wanted him."

"Next meeting night you become a member," Judge Davidson said Sheriff Garner told him in a jovial way.

Counsel for the sheriff did not care to question Judge Davidson, and his

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testimony was followed by an attempt of the complainants counsel to introduce the minutes of the district court, containing the refusal of Deputy Sheriff Wallace to answer as to his membership in the klan on the ground that it might incriminate him and for which he was fined $100 by Judge E. A. McDowell. After considerable argument by the attorneys, Judge Street sustained the objection of defense counsel, and refused to admit this.

In the two hour cross examination of Dr. J. S. Paul, defense attorney sought to show that certain medical practices of his had made many enemies for him in Beaumont and Southeast Texas and that it was these enemies who committed the assault upon Dr. Paul and not the Ku Klux Klan, as Dr. Paul had previously testified. Dr. Paul replied that if he had any enemies they had "not yet poked their heads up." When shown copies of indictments which had been brought against him by the grand jury in this county some eight years ago, Dr. Paul freely admitted that he had been indicted for illicit medical practices, but said he was not guilty.

George Tevis, a former deputy of Sheriff Garner, who was jailer and deputy sheriff in 1920-21, according to his statement, was on the stand, when court recessed at noon until 1:30, and he testified that he became a member of the Ku Klux Klan while he was in the sheriff's office during the summer of 1921, and at the instance and solicitation of the sheriff. Tevis according to his statement, attended only one meeting.

In response to questions from complainants counsel, Tevis said that he talked with Sheriff Garner about the klan before the grand jury met in the fall of 1921. This conversation, he stated was in regard to the meeting of the grand jury discussed by the klan, and if called before that body how to evade disclosing one's identity as klansman. Tevis said he told Garner he did not see how one could remain a klansman and go before the grand jury without swearing a lie. "Garner said that the klan was working on that now," Tevis again testified. In a second conversation with Sheriff Garner, Tevis testified he again stated he did not see how a klansman could go before the grand jury and evade questions without swearing a lie. He said Garner told him to go to the office of Attorney Masterson and resign. Tevis further testified that he told the sheriff, the attorney in question might be out of the city. He stated that Sheriff Garner then said: "Resign to me and after going before the grand jury phone Dr. Ellis and it will be all right." It was brought out at this point that Dr. A. D. Ellis, former klan grand dragon of the State of Texas, was the Dr. Ellis' referred to.

ed that two great issues in other campaigns were no more, meaning prohibition and woman suffrage; but that one issue before the people was to elect Senators who would favor laws making bootlegging a dangerous occupation.

KLAN CHIEF IS TO STAND TRIAL IN CALIFORNIA

William S. Coburn Talks of Inglewood Raid to Friends at El Paso, Texas, While Enroute to Los Angeles to Submit to Arrest

DECLARES ENEMIES TRY TO PREVENT HIS RETURN

Wife and Children Virtually Kidnapped and Sent East Immediately After Indictments, States Grand Goblin; Approves Act of Mob

Houston Post

EL PASO, TEX., June 18.—William S. Coburn, grand goblin of the Pacific domain, Ku Klux Klan, who stopped off here yesterday on his way from Atlanta to Los Angeles where he is under indictment in connection with the Inglewood raid, left today for California.

"If my enemies in Los Angeles know I am coming they will do everything in their power to humiliate me," he said.

"There is nothing those fellows who led that raid would not do to carry out their designs and keep me away from Los Angeles until they can saddle the responsibility of the raid on me.

"When I was in Atlanta, shortly after the indictments were returned, they went to my home in Los Angeles, virtually kidnapped my wife and children, put them on a train and sent them to Atlanta. My wife was told that she would be killed if she remained there and was instructed to go straight to Atlanta and stay there and to tell me to stay or I wiuld be assassinated. It was all a frame-up to make it appear that I was hiding from the grand jury and the sheriff."

Coburn said that the first thing he would do would be to submit to arrest and then make bond. He could make bond in any amount, he went on, and "was not afraid of the whole gang."

After Coburn had insisted that he was not in the Inglewood raiding party, he was asked if, as the highest Klan official in the state, he countenanced the raid and approved of what took place there.

"Confidentially yes, it was all right," he replied. "The fellows were running a distillery contrary to law, were debauching young school boys and girls. And they deserved al they got and more."

"A part of the Klan's work is to see that the regularly elected officers enforce the law," he said. "If they will not do it, the Klan will."

LAWYER FAVORS DEATH PENALTY FOR KIDNAPING

Legislation Said to Be Aimed at Klan Advocated

Houston Post

Houston Post Special.

AUSTIN, Texas, June 16.—What is termed as legislation aimed at the elimination of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas will be urged at the next regular session of the legislature by Jos. V. Frnka, attorney at Columbus and a candidate for membership in the house from Colorado county, in the event of his election. This announcement was learned here when Frnka was here attending the court of criminal appeals.

The attorney who would abolish the Ku Klux Klan asserted that no new laws would be required but that he would endeavor to strengthen the present white capping and kindred laws of the State.

"In the event of my election," stated Mr. Frnka, "I shall introduce a bill amending the present law against kidnapping so as to provide the death penalty for any person found guilty of kidnapping. As the law now stands it applies only to cases where a person is kidnapped from Texas and taken to another State. I shall endeavor to change this law so as to apply when a person is taken from his home to the woods nearby. The death penalty is applied to highway robbery and I see no reason why it should not apply to kidnapping as in both instances the victim is placed in danger of his life.

"I also will favor a measure," continued Mr. Frnka, "to require all fraternal or secret organizations in Texas to file a list of their membership in the county clerk's office, and in the event such organization should disband to probibit the removal of its books and records from the State."

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HENRY EXHIBITS KLAN TELEGRAM AT AUDITORIUM

Audience Applauds Statement That He Is Member

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Exhibiting for the first time telegrams authorizing him to "come out in the open as a member of the Ku Klux Klan," Robert Lee Henry, candidate for the United States senate explained the planks of his platform Friday night to a crowd of more than 500 persons at the Main street auditorium.

One of the telegrams was dated Little Rock, Ark., 1922. It was addressed to Judge E. J. Clarke, general counselor of the Ku Klux Klan, at Waco and was sent by E. Y. Clarke, acting imperial wizard. It read: "Your request regarding Henry granted. Good luck and best wishes to you."

The second telegram was received Friday at Mr. Henry's room in the Rice hotel. It was from E. J. Clarke, general counselor, Waco, and read: you are authorized to use wire from E. J. Clarke giving you authority to declare yourself.

Mr. Henry declared he believed in state rights against federal control; the national prohibition law, and the payment of war debts.

"These are legitimate issues and I would have been willing to submit my candidacy for the senate on this platform. But they would not have it. Newspapers, the Citizens league of Dallas and finally certain candidates declared I had to say whether or not I was a member of a particular organization.

"Here is my authority to speak," he exhibited the telegrams reading them. "Now," he added. "I am for the Ku Klux Klan and I am a member of that organization." Cheer after cheer rang through the hall. Shouts of "You tell 'em, Bob," rang out. When the noise had died away he declared:

"I'm going to tell them. I'm on the inside and can talk. Those on the outside don't know and can't talk."

"The Klan stands for white supremacy, tenets of the Christian religion, closer relationship between capital and labor, protection of pure womanhood and the constitution. It does not take the law into its own hands."

Rev. John E. Green introduced the speaker, telling something of his life. Mr. Henry, he said, was mayor of Texarkana and assistant attorney general under Governor Hogg for several years. "Then he went to the house of representatives at Washington, serving ten consecutive terms and retiring voluntarily," Rev. Mr. Greene said.

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Ku Klux Klan Issue In Texas Elections

R. L. Henry, Ex-Representative, Champions Society Against Culberson

Defies Senator to Legislate Klan Out of Existence—Explains Its Purposes

By Mark Sullivan

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WASHINGTON, June 24.—The Texas Senatorial primary, in which the Ku Klux Klan issue has come openly and strongly to the front, occurs on the eighteenth of next month. The sitting Senator, Charles A. Culberson, is a candidate for reëlection. He has come out squarely against the Ku Klux Klan.

Robert L. Henry is seeking Senator Culberson's seat and is seeking it as a defender, exponent, and leader of the Ku Klux Klan. That the public outside of Texas may realize the importance which this issue has come to have in Texas, it should be added that this Ku Klux Klan candidate is a man of importance in his State. He has served twenty years in Congress and in the course of that service came to positions of high leadership both in Congress and in the national organization of the Democratic party.

Because of the interest and importance of this Senatorial contest, and because in various sections of the country the Ku Klux Klan is spreading as an organization and becoming a more frequent factor in politics, it will be useful and informative to print extracts from one of Mr. Henry's campaign speeches. It is without doubt the most frank exposition of the purposes of the Klan so far made by any public man, from the point of view of sympathetic defense and personal identification with the Klan. The following extracts do not comprise more than a fifth of the entire speech. They are detached from their context, but cover most of the more important points made in the speech:

Henry Defends Klan

"I have deliberately measured every utterance to you on this occasion. In my opinion this is the most important public address that I have ever delivered during all my career, not only to me, but to you as well.

"The distinguished and able Senator from Texas, Senator Charles A. Culberson, in a recent interview over his own signature, said that 'the Ku Klux Klan must be destroyed.' I reply to him to-night and say that the Ku Klux Klan must, and shall survive in Texas and throughout the country.

"The Honorable Cullen F. Thomas has also said that the Ku Klux Klan must be destroyed, 'if it isn't reformed.' In the name of God how would he reform it? (Laughter and applause.) . . . I hurl defiance at him and say that it will not be destroyed nor will he have the ability to reform it. (Applause.)

"Let's see whether it ought to be destroyed. Now, listen to me. I am not going to say any word that will have to be retracted. I want you to hear me to-night, fellow citizens, and remember what I say, because this is unfortunately the most important crisis that has ever confronted the people of this State.

"What is the Ku Klux Klan, about which we hear so much? I am going to tell you now.

"The tenets of the Christian religion.

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This does not mean that you must be a Christian to join the Klan, but it does mean that you must believe that the Christian religion is right. We are for Christianity. I believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in Jesus Christ. The Klan believes in Christianity. Does the *Dallas News* repudiate that tenet of the Klan?

"And the Klan believes in 'white supremacy,' that is, that the Anglo-Saxon white race shall forever be supreme in this Republic. Does the *Dallas News* repudiate that tenet? (Loud cheers and applause.)

And if the Honorable Cullen F. Thomas were going to reform its principles would he change that part of it? (Laughter and applause.)

"'Negro Equality.' The Klan does not believe in negro equality. There are many of us old-fashioned folks who still believe that the white man is just as good as the negro, if not a little bit better. (Applause.) Now, do these gentlemen oppose that principle of the Klan? There are citizens throughout this country who believe in social equality, some of them white, but I do not, nor do the people of Texas and this part of the country, believe in it, nor will they ever accept such a doctrine as 'negro social equality.' (Applause.)

"We believe—the Klan believes, I should say (laughter and applause)—the Klan believes in 'closer relationship between capital and labor,' and we believe that capital ought to be brought closer to labor, and that the disputes between capital and labor should be lessened; that something ought to be accomplished in that direction, and the Klan will endeavor to bring about a better understanding between capital and labor. The Klan does not believe that there should be grind is over. That's the report that came out of the half dozen rowing camps along the Hudson last night. There will be nothing but light work to-day for the crews that are to row in the intercollegiate regatta on Monday, and to-morrow, while nominally a day of rest, will probably see two or three of the squads out on the river for a ten or fifteen minute limbering up pull.

Once more it was the Navy that stood out in the forefront in the day's doings yesterday, which would otherwise have been more or less colorless because with all the other crews tapering their work down to a fine point the Navy was the only one that went out and put on a piece of rowing that was real rowing in every sense of the word. Incidentally, the middies proved as well as a practice row can prove that the eleventh hour shift in the boating order of the crew had not been followed by all the dire things which some of the critics had believed were certain to follow in the train of such box and cast their vote between negro bayonets, as some of you do remember! You recall that. Do these gentlemen want the Klan destroyed because that same principle and spirit has been handed down to their children and grandchildren?

Appeals to Women

"You good women that I see sitting in the audience, no matter what we may have thought about issues that have gone before this campaign, no matter how we may have disagreed, think of what the Klan after the Civil War meant to the pure and good women of the South, and how much was accomplished by our fathers and our mothers, and what it meant to Texas and the other Southern States.

"Let me tell you now that the present Klan is based upon as holy and noble a purpose as was the Klan of our fathers after the Civil War. (Applause.)

"I will read two other principles enunciated and then pass on to the discussion of another: 'Preventing the causes of mob violence and lynching.' 'The purpose of the Klan is to prevent those things.' 'Prevention of fire and destruction of property by lawless elements,' a fight against the I. W. W.'s and the Bolshevists of this country. That is one of the principles.

"'Limitation of foreign immigration.' Let me say to you, my friends, that is one of the greatest principles of this organization, and the time has come when this country should rise up and say to the world: 'We are going to almost completely shut our doors against the speckled progeny of those people who are coming from the slums of European centres, and they shall not become citizens of our country.' (Applause.)

"'The upholding of the Constitution of the United States.' That is another of the principles of the Klan. Is there any objection to that? I know it is old fashioned to mention the Constitution in some quarters. I know there are some men who believe that the Constitution ought not to be revered or obeyed, but the Klan belongs to that type of men who believe in constitutional government, who believe in obedience to the laws of this country, and they salute the majesty of our laws, and believe they ought to be respected and enforced. Do these gentlemen object to that part of the principles of the Klan?

For Freedom of Speech

"'The sovereignty of States' rights' is another cardinal principle.

"We come to the freedom of speech and of the press, and we all stand for that, as embodied in the Bill of Rights. It is necessary for the preservation and perpetuity of our institutions. Here I come to another vital and momentous principle as enunciated in their creed; they believe in the 'Separation of Church and State. (Applause.) Our forefathers came to this New World fleeing for the privilege of exercising religious freedom. They came here and founded this great Republic and wrote in our Constitution that the right to worship God according to our own conscience should forever be guaranteed. I believe in religious freedom and that the church and state should forever be separated. . . .

"I have enumerated to you just about all the principles of the Ku Klux Klan. Candidly, is there a single one of them to which you can object, whether you are a Klansman or not? Is there an American citizen here to-night who will object to one of those principles enunciated in that creed of the Klan? If there is I would like for him to rise. (No one arose.) And all those who indorse it rise. (The audience rises en masse.) (Applause.) That is Americanism!

"Oh, you know somehow I got it in my mind, and I believe it as firmly as I believe there is a God above, that the Ku Klux Klan is a menace and an obstruction to a great religious organization in this couuntry and is standing in their way, and I refer to the Roman Catholic Church. (Loud cheers and applause.) Would the senior Senator destroy the Klan for advocating these things? Would the distinguished gentleman from Dallas destroy it for advocating these things? Would the *Dallas News* destroy it? On which side of this controversy will they be when we draw the broad lines that must separate us in the coming contest? (Applause.)

"I regret they have seen proper to raise this issue but let me say that the Klan will continue to grow and these candidates of whom I speak and these great journals cannot destroy it. We hurl defiance at them to-night. (Cheers and applause.)

"The Klan is not anti-Catholic or anti-Jew, but the Catholics are anti-Klan and want us destroyed. (Applause.) Yes, they are anti-Klan. I tell you, my friends of Texas, good men and good women, that if they force this conflict, when all is over the white banner of Christianity will be floating above the millions of people in this Republic and there will be a permanent and everlasting separation of church and state in the United States. (Applause.) We want no union of church and state. We should not coerce the consciences of anybody. We owe allegiance only to God above and the flag of our country. (Applause.) And we are not going to bow to any human power

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here or across the waters (cheers and applause), and acknowledge control of our thoughts and our souls.

Will Fight for Religion

"We are going to have to fight for our religion itself. We are going to have to struggle to preserve our free schools and give our children the benefit of universal education. Ah, this is a glorious state; this is a glorious country. Never a republic in all the world like it.

"Oh, I am sorry this question has been precipitated as it has, but when the senior Senator from Texas decreed from Washington City that the Klan must be destroped because he willed it, he was undertaking an impossible task. (Applause.)

"Now, the senior Senator says, 'The Klan must be destroyed,' and he must be sent back to the United States Senate. But the Federal Government cannot deal with that question. He wouldn't have any power to deal with it. But the Legislature of the State of Texas can be convened to suppress the Klan. I make the prediction now—I want you to get these words exactly as I speak them—I make the prediction that the present Governor will not convene the Legislature for that purpose, and if he does they will not pass a law prohibiting the activities of the Klan (applause). I have traveled a long ways to-night (applause)."

It is apparent from the frequent eruptions of applause that in a world which has a good many troubles there seems to be a surprising number of folks in Texas who find this kind of talk and this kind of politics agreeable.

This speech in its complete form is widely circulated by Mr. Henry's headquarters, and forms the backbone of his campaign. For the present these extracts from ex-Congressman Henry's speech are presented, of course, merely as the record of a political phenomenon. It goes without saying that the speech is wholly *ex parte*. It is a case of a leader of the Klan putting its best foot foremost, stating in the most plausible way the appeal he wants to make to certain prejudices which are widespread in some communities, putting his own interpretation on the purposes of the Klan, and omitting to say anything of the practices it has followed in various sections of the country.

For what has been said by the opposing candidates and by others who regard the Klan as dangerous there is not space in the present article.

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Dr. Simpson Declares Against Methods of Klan and Flapper Sunday; Says Klan Threatens Constitutional Government; Law Enforcement Lawful Organizations

Dr. Robert N. Simpson, pastor of the First Christian Church and president of the pastors' union, in his sermon Sunday morning, criticised the Ku Klux Klan and severely flayed the modern "flapper." Dr. Simpson declared that the "invisible empire" does not make for stable government, and said that, while the origin of the Klan during the reconstruction period in the South may have been justified, nevertheless it was born of passions that usurp constituted authority. He stated that he holds no bitterness against the Klan and has not associated its activities in his thinking with acts of rowdyism and ruffianism of the average mob, but argued that the government which approximates safety and justice is that government administered through the people.

"To maintain the dignity of that government and to aid in its most equitable functioning should be the common purpose and passion of all," Dr. Simpson stated. "Whitecapping and lynchings are archaic,' he said, "if such acts were ever justified it was in some primitive period and surroundings before the government of the state was set up."

Denounces Flapper.

Referring to the "flapper," Dr. Simpson declared he was unable to justify the name given that social set because "this ungodly specimen of femininity is about as far removed from wings as a woman can get."

Dr. Simpson's sermon, in part, is as follows:

"We hear much these days of an invisible empire, whose sovereign boundaries are undefined, whose subjects are unidentified, but whose sceptre is wielded with power. Every Southerner knows the historical background of its beginning—the bitter reconstruction period that followed the Civil War. All things born of the bitter passions of that period were abnormal.

"Certain congressional acts of that period, begotten by a spirit of prejudice and revenge, were an untimely progeny whose life was brief. This invisible empire begotten then by a spirit that may have been justified was nevertheless born of passions that do not make for stable and constructive government. Medieval chivalry grew in a congenial soil, bore its flower and lived its life; the clans of Scotland waged their provincial warfare; the Crusades had their spectacular career; revolutions have had their red years of existence. And oftentimes these movements have been the symptoms of a wholesome discontent.

Motive and Methods Conflict.

"But we would not want to live always in an atmosphere of clannishness and revolution. In our judgment of movements, as of men, we must always give due weight to motive; but motives may be right and methods wrong. Justice may be the motive, but the method may bear the fruit of injustice. I have no word of bitterness for the invisible empire. I have not associated its acts in my thinking with the rowdyism and ruffianism of the average mob, but its way is wrong.

"The government that approximates safety and justice is the government of the state in which the people have a voice. To maintain the dignity of that equitable functioning should be the common purpose and passion of all. Whitecapping and lynching are archaic. If such acts were ever justified, it was in some primitive period and surroundings before the government of the state was set up. Whenever a man is to be punished it must be by the law of the state, not by the law of the clan nor the law of the individual's passions. The only American group that has the right to determine when a citizen shall die for a crime or suffer for his wrong-doing is a legally empannelled jury of his peers. Usurpation of that authority is un-American and always unfortunate and unjust.

"There is another invisible empire whose claims I wish to impress. It is the invisible empire of the soul. Jesus of Nazareth put two empires in contrast when he said, 'What Shall It Profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' To gain a world empire is no longer possible for any man; but to lose the empire of the soul is possible for every man. He who would hold this invisible empire must wear a triple crown—the kingly crown of clean thought, the kingly crown of right emotions, the kingly crown of an iron will."

Minus The Wings.

Developing these sub-topics, Dr. Simpson arraigned the "flapper." He said: 'There was an article in the last issue of The Literary Digest representing the frank opinion of many educators and journalists that is a terrific indictment of the modern flapper. Why this ungodly specimen of femininity is called a 'flapper' I do not know. It certainly is not because of the flapping of wings, for she is about as far removed from wings as a woman can get. But under The Digest' storm of criticism the flapper who reads ought to lose the permanent wave from her hair and the paint from her cheeks and have her immodest dress so drenched that she would put on more clothes and more character.

"The only salvation for our nation is in that magnificent host of young people who have not bowed the knee to the god of lust. The greatest tragedy of the war was that many a young fellow who came out of that hell of continental temptation and steered his character safely through hazardous waters has come back home and wrecked his character upon the shoals of a shallow womanhood in the homeland.

"The young woman who is responsible for a young man losing the crown of clean thought by her own immodesty is one of the inner foes of our republic. I know a young man who parted company with another young man because the latter practically boasted that every social date of his making was licentious adventure, in so far as his own purposes could be carried out. That sensual type of American young manhood is as great an enemy to American security and progress as any Bolshevist."

Henry Defends Klan In Beaumont Speech

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 16.—S. L. Henry, candidate for the United States senate, spoke for more than two hours at the V. Wells park Tuesday night in behalf of his candidacy. A huge crowd heard the speaker, and he was repeatedly cheered, particularly during that part of his speech in which he defended the Ku Klux Klan.

He declared he was a member of the klan and stood for its principles. The crowd, which was packed about the speaker's stand and spread out over the park to the sidewalk, 150 feet away, waxed enthusiastic at times, cheering lustily.

B. F. Quicksall, former county clerk, but more recently a resident of Woodville, was chairman of the reception committee.

HUNT COUNTY JURY INDORSES KU KLUX KLAN

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Associated Press Report.

GREENVILLE, Texas, May 6.—Indorsement of the Ku Klux Klan and its activities was given by the Hunt county grand jury in its report covering two months' investigation submitted to Judge Hall of the eighth district court Saturday. The report stated that the Klan in Hunt county "stands for law and order" and that Klansmen have "aided in running down home breakers and bootleggers."

Judge Hall did not comment on the report.

Ku Klux Klan – 1922 Texas

White Robe Klansmen Dramatically Pay Tribute at Grave of N. F. Pike

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"May the blessings of our God wait upon thee and the sun of glory shine around thy head; may the gates of plenty, honor and happiness be always open to thee and thine, so far as they will not rob thee of eternal joys.

"May no strife disturb thy days nor sorrow distress thy nights, and as Death has summoned thy departure, may the Savior's blood have washed thee from all impurities, perfected thy initiation, and, thus prepared, enter thou into the Empire Invisible and repose thy soul in perpetual peace.—Amen."

—Ku Klux Klansmen's Prayer at Pike Funeral.

MAYOR OF DALLAS SAYS NO GOOD CITIZEN SHOULD BELONG

Five Thousand Citizens In Mass Meeting, Demand Klan Disband, Following Wave Of Lawlessness. Civil War Is Threatened Between Klan And Anti-Klan Forces.

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DALLAS, Texas, April 6.—The constituted law authorities in this city seemed almost at their wit's end yesterday in their fight to gain control of the city government.

For some time efforts have been made to prosecute members of the Klan for alleged crimes and acts of outlawry, but not much headway has been made.

The officers who would enforce the regular law, find a hard fight on their hands on account of the influence of the "Invisible Empire." There seems to be so many city employees and other officials connected with the city government, that to rout the Klan means wrecking the city.

Things took a little change last night, after the citizens of the town formed an anti-Ku Klux Klan Organization and threatened to "clean out" the City Hall and put fearless men in office. Following this threat the Ku Klux Klan in Dallas was asked to disband today by Mayor S. R. Aldredge in a statement in which he also requested all municipal employes who are members of the Klan to resign from that organization at once.

The Mayor urged that harmony be restored between Klan and anti-Klan factions in the city.

"The Ku Klux Klan is a mistake, and should have no place among us." Mayor Aldridge said, adding that he would not brand all those who "have enlisted in it as disloyal citizens or unworthy men." The Klan has brought discord to a peaceful city, and an organization which brings "forth such fruit is wrong and should not exist," he declared.

MORE KU KLUX WORK

K. Lamity's Harpoon

A news dispatch from a Kansas town, says:

Jack Burlington, traveling salesman representing a Kansas City firm, was taken from the city jail early Monday morning by a band of masked men, spirited away to a point three miles from the city and beaten with a blacksnake whip. He was then warned to leave town and never return. San Antonio Tex.

The action was taken by the men, police were informed, when two school girls who accompanied him on an automobile trip Sunday night complained to their parents that Burlington had attempted to mistreat them.

The following letter signed Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was received Monday afternoon by a local newspaper:

"We don't want the innocent to suffer for any of our activities, therefore we want it understood that the officers are not to blame for us getting the man from the jail. We broke the lock with a pinch bar. The man to whom we were compelled to administer a whipping admitted trying to seduce our young womanhood. Let this be a warning to others that we must and will protect our girls even unto the sacrifices of our lives, if necessary. Justice has not been perverted. He was a wolf in sheep's clothing. God save our country, is our cry."

When such a bit of news as the above appears in the public prints, a long, deep, sonorous howl goes up from certain elements of our people, and the burden of the cry, is, "Down with the mob—why not let the law take its course?"

I can give you the major reason why men, especially south of the Mason and Dixon line, are becoming more and more inclined to take the law in their own hands and right every insult or wrong, that may be offeerd to the women, and young girls of the South.

So long as the negroes were slaves and under the control of white masters, we had no trouble.

Every woman, and girl, felt just as safe, surrounded by hordes of black men, as she did among her own people.

The fact is, she was safe—for those old-time negroes were dependable, and woe unto the unfortunate scoundrel who insulted or attempted to harm the "ole missus"—or any of "de white chillun"—when their black defenders were at hand.

In those days, no one ever heard of an attack by a negro, on a white woman or young girl.

Today—after a half century of education—no white woman can truly say her life and safety are her own—unless constantly guarded and under strict surveillance by white men.

This constant, damnable dread, and fear for the safety of their wives and daughters, added to the horrible humiliation inflicted upon the crushed and distressed plaintiff, has caused many a law abiding man to register a solemn oath, that his own wife or daughter, should never be thus humiliated and tortured in any such manner—law or no law.

Added to this, is the gang of men and women—curiosity seekers, and gossip-mongers—who always crowd the court room, when a rape case is on tap.

And all this, in order to preserve the "majesty of the law," frequently in the trial of some miserable, worthless

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pumpkin-colored mule-nigger, whose sire was a two-legged white jackass, and his dam a hircine-scented scion of sunny Africa—neither of 'em worth a damn.

Frequently, there are mistrials, appeals and other legal red tape to delay justice, and again the agony of the injured and hopeless witness must be repeated—even when everyone knows the guilt of the defendant.

It is a damnable shame, that any American woman or girl should thus be humiliated—in order that her wrongs can be avenged.

Men made these laws—and man can repeal them. But until they do, many men will break these laws, by breaking the necks of the guilty ones, before they have a trial.

Mistakes may be made—and the wrong nigger may be hanged—but that contingency will cut no ice—for just as long as free niggers rape white women, in the South—white men are going to avenge that wrong, law or no law.

I am not attempting to uphold mob law—for it needs no upholding.

It is a condition that simply exists and like a thorn in the flesh, the wound will never heal until the cause is removed.

I hold no congenital antipathy whatever against the negro.

I never knowingly mistreated one of them in my life.

No real Southern gentleman will ever defraud or harm the industrious, inoffensive black man. The man who does that, may have a white skin, but his heart is as black as the hinges of hell—and he is no gentleman to a certainty.

I warn the mutton-headed negro against the white man who takes so much interest in the "poor down-trodden ex-slave."

Keep your eye on him—for he is a snake in the grass.

Above all, keep him away from your homes—or you'll soon find yourself the daddy of a herd of mule-nigger brats that are no kin to you on earth.

In my opinion the men who cow-hided the would-be debaucher of those innocent young girls, did precisely right.

The men who protect their own against all such libertines, are good men—no matter whether they wear dress suits, white robes or go in their shirt-tails.

I will stake my life on the proposition that no decent girl will ever again be molested by that gay young Jack.

The Ku Klux Klan represents a complex in our national life which has not yet been accurately defined. It is certainly open to the objections which Sidney Smith long ago brought against all organizations of private informers. Its employment of "direct action" is on a par with similar policies by any revolutionary body. Even with best citizens in its membership, it can hardly prevent exploitation of a private grudge under the cover of the secrecy in which the Klan moves. It is said to be alive to the importance of defending itself against the use of its name by outsiders who are committing unlawful acts, and of course this possibility always exists even in the case of organizations which are not secret. Justice is not always blindfolded in the courts; but the "justice" of a secret order is even more likely to be honeycombed with favoritism and injustice.

It is easy to laugh at the absurdities of the Klan, its childish follies, its illiterate nomenclature, its fallacious conception of law and order. But it is not easily laughed out of existence. Close at hand it is serious. It has a certain dignity of purpose. It is not sheer bigotry or stupidity or charlatanry or fraud. Perhaps it may be short-lived. I hope so; for the evils which it professes to attack are certainly for the most part to be overcome only by very different means.

EDWARD T. DEVINE.

KLANSMEN VISIT CHURCH; DONATE $110 TO PREACHER

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Congregation at Trinity Baptist Edifice Applaud

Houston Tex. Post

Knights of Sam Houston Klan, No. 1, K. K. K., furnished thrills for 2000 persons Sunday night when six white robed representatives of the order marched down the aisle of Trinity Baptist church, Common street, North side, and presented Evangelist V. E. Starnes with $110 in cash.

Scenes rarely witnessed in a church marked the visit of the klan. The preacher had just started to make an announcement when they filed in the front door and their progress down the aisle was marked by a continual increasing volume of applause as they passed row after row of seats.

When the klansmen reached the front, the applause was deafening and it was several minutes before the words of the evangelist spoken to the leader, could be heard over the building.

The visit of the klansmen came as a surprise to the pastor of the church, and evangelistic party, conducting a series of special meetings. The entrance was made following the singing of "On To Cavalry" by three members of the choir. Before the entrance was made, someone in the choir saw a white-robed figure pass in the street in front of the church, and immediately attention of the choir was focused on the door.

Not a word was spoken by the klansmen while in the church. They marched down the aisle and the leader extended his hand to the evangelist and then handed him a sealed envelope.

Rev. Starnes did not read the message until after the klansmen had departed. They stood in front of the pulpit with folded arms for sometime immediately after making the presentation and then slowly filed from the church and out into the night.

The message was written on the official paper of the organization and praised the work being done by the evangelist and by the church in which he is holding services.

In making a statement before opening the message, the preacher declared that he did not know what the klan would have to say. "They might be ordering me to leave town," he declared, "but regardless of what this message may say, I think the Ku Klux Klan is the greatest organization on earth after the Church of Jesus Christ."

The klansmen came to the church in a closed automobile, and entered the front door. After their business had been transacted they left by the side door, jumped into the car and were whisked away before some of those in the big church fully realized what had taken place.

Thirty-nine additions to the church resulted from Sunday's meeting making 70 for the week.

LYNCH LAW.

From the Montgomery Journal

There are two vital questions confronting our people: What ails the country? and, Who is responsible for the lawless spirit prevailing?

But first we should make our purpose clear that he who runs may read.

A white minister was dragged from his bed in Georgia and flogged.

Horrible and blood-curdling lynchings of Negroes have become common in Georgia and in Texas.

The city health officer of Birmingham was taken out by unknown men and flogged.

A bomb was placed on the porch of the mayor of Clumbus, and its explosion, while causing no deaths, was quite destructive.

Mob action everywhere is becoming the rule, not the exception.

Why is this?

It is difficult for many persons usually well informed to know the cause or causes. They are asking, "Has the legal machinery of any state of the Union become so weak that the citizens themselves are forced to take the punishment of crime into their own hands?" Or, "Is the United States slipping back into mediaevalism, where any man who dares differ from the established opinions of his community he is sentenced to death, or a punishment more to be dreaded than death?"

Mob action is regrettable. It is a semi-civilized way of meeting conditions, but out of it often come good as well as bad. When courts make a mockery of law, as some are doing today, then respect for courts ceases and mob law follows as a sequence.

But are courts making a farce of law enforcement? Let the courts themselves answer. Jurors have come out of courts of recent date with a grin upon their faces, smiling at the plaything judges on the bench would make of justice; others would be unable to retain their surprise and horror at this new development in our courts and their uses and abuses.

JUDGE M'DOWELL TOLD TO PRODUCE SEAL OF KU KLUX

New Move in Impeachment Case Based on Jury Charge

Houston Post 5/31/22

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 30.—A subpena duces tecum issued out of the district clerk's office this morning to be served on Judge A. E. McDowell, was the latest interesting move in the Tom Garner impeachment hearing, to be resumed Monday before Judge Street of Galveston, sitting for Judge McDowell.

The subpena requests Judge McDowell "to appear before the sixtieth district court of Jefferson county, Texas, on the 5th day of June, 1922, and bring with him all the paraphernalia he has within his possession belonging to the Ku Klux Klan, among which he has named and states that he knows where it is, the seal of the klan, the button that is used by the klan, the ritual, list of the names of all the members, the charter and all such other property that is in his possession or under his control and belongs to the Ku Klux Klan."

The subpena is believed to be based upon statements made by Judge McDowell in his charge to the grand jury in October of last year. Newspaper reports of the charge quote Judge McDowell as having declared that he was possessed of certain properties of the klan and knew the whereabouts of other things belonging to it.

Rev. Charles Rush Given Praise and $50 by K.K.K.

Gift of $50 and praise for the work being accomplished by Rev. Charles Rush, pastor of Woodland Heights Baptist church, featured a visit of five members of the Ku Klux Klan Wednesday night during the progress of a revival meeting at the church.

The five hooded and robed figures appeared just at the close of the sermon, walked slowly down the aisle while applause sounded from every side, and presented the pastor with a letter. The visitors departed quietly, entered a waiting limousine and were whisked away.

Currency in the sum of $50 was contained in the envelope. Approbation for the work of Pastor Rush and John Marshall, the revival song leader formed the basis for the letter, it was announced.

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Ku Klux Klan — 1922 (A) Texas

Gripping Drama in Ouster Suit Revolving About Klan

Houston Tex Post

Case Docketed For Today—Petition For Removal of Sheriff Tom Garner and Sheriff's Reply Widely At Variance.

5/16/22

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 15.—Ouster proceedings against Sheriff Tom Garner are scheduled to come up before Judge E. A. McDowell in district court Tuesday morning.

Hearing of the petition, filed by the citizens' committee, was postponed Monday because of the sudden death of Judge John Dailey, prominent Beaumont lawyer.

It is reported here that Judge Erwin Clark of Waco, recently appointed counsel for the Ku Klux Klan in Texas, will be in attendance at the trial. Judge McDowell has been asked to vacate himself from the bench by defense attorneys but has not announced if he will do so.

Charges filed by the committee and the answer of Sheriff Garner are as follows:

To the Honorable E. A. McDowell Judge:

The State of Texas, hereinafter styled complainant, acting upon relation of Farrell D. Minor, W. E. Orgain, W. D. Gordon, H. P. Barry, J. Cooke Wilson and Leon Sonfield, resident citizens of Jefferson county, Texas, and having the qualifications prescribed under Vernon's Sayles Revised Statutes, Art. 6041, filed this petition against T. H. Garner, the duly elected sworn, and acting sheriff of Jefferson county, Texas, as respondent, upon relation of its duly qualified citizens aforesaid, alleges:

I.

The respondent T. H. Garner was elected sheriff of Jefferson county, Texas, at the general election in November, 1920. Soon thereafter, pursuant to the requirements of law, he entered into an oath and bond for the faithful performance of his duties, which oath prescribed by the constitution of the State of Texas is substantially as follows, to-wit:

"I, T. H. Garner, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as sheriff, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the constitution of this State, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending: And I furthermore solemnly swear that I have not directly, nor indirectly paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected."

Said oath and bond are duly filed of record in the county clerk's office in Jefferson county, Texas, to which reference is here made.

II.

Among the duties and obligations incumbent upon the respondent in assuming the office of sheriff of Jefferson county, Texas, were those prescribed by the penal code and the code of criminal procedure, and other laws of the State of Texas, including not only legal provisions made and enacted by the legislature of Texas, but the constitutional provisions, the nature and character of which it is unncessary here to set forth. Notwithstanding which, the respondent by acts of commission and acts of omission hereinafter more particularly specified, has been guilty of official misconduct and such unlawful behavior in relation to the duties of his offic, wilful in their nature, and of such failure, refusal and neglect of the duties enjoined on him by law as that his removal from said office should now be made by a decree of this court, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the constitution of this State, and of the statutes in such case made and provided.

Said acts and conduct are more particularly set forth, as follows, to-wit

III.

In the early part of the year 1921 there was organized in the city of Beaumont a secret conspiracy, commonly denominated the Ku Klux Klan, deraiging its authority and basis of power, and owing its allegiance to a certain individual residing in the State of Georgia, which individual is denominated in the nomenclature of said order the "imperial wizard."

The membership of this organization was pledged to secrecy and sworn not to divulge the names and personnel of those entering it.

The parent organization, of which the said imperial wizard was the self-constituted emperor, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., is a corporate entity, organized under the laws of the

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State of Georgia, and the said local klan No. 7 was organized in the city of Beaumont, as aforesaid, owing exclusive and entire and unrestricted allegiance to the said imperial wizard.

Under the rules and regulations of the secret conspiracy aforesaid, any entrant accepted for membership was required to apply for "citizenship" in what is denominated the "invisible empire," which citizenship required the citizen naturalized in said invisible empire to yield supreme allegiance to the officers of said invisible empire, particularly to the said emperor, and alternately to its subordinates designated by him, down to the rulers of the particular local klan in question, same being called "cyclops." The purpose and intent of this criminal conspiracy, though ostensibly organized to aid in the enforcement of the law of the land, was and is to violate the laws of the land in the particulars hereinafter specified. Those native and naturalized citizens of the United States and of the state of Texas under the constitution and laws of the country, were denominated aliens by the lingo and classification made by this organization, while the word "citizen" was appropriated along with the expression "one hundred per cent American" by the members of this conspiracy who had been inducted into "citizenship in the invisible empire."

Not only was and is this organization formed as aforesaid, of secret membership, but it was limited to a certain class of people, including what is denominated "white gentile, American born, protestants, believers in the Christian religion," and all other American citizens were excluded from qualification as citizens of the invisible empire.

This conspiracy operates, and has from its organization, under a method of initiation whereby the "alien" is inducted into citizenship in the invisible empire and into allegiance superior to all others to the emperor of the invisible empire, called the "Imperial Wizard."

A part of the method of initiation consists, and has all along consisted, in kneeling before the white robed and hooded officer of the order in the presence of other white robed hooded citizens of the invisible empire and there taking an oath of allegiance to the invisible empire in the presence of what is denominated a "flaming cross," and thereupon becomes eligible, upon the payment of a "donation" of $10.00 to the officers of the invisible empire, to don the white robe and hood of the organization and to be thereupon accounted worthy of participation in the criminal activities of said organization and to be protected by his fellow "citizens" through false swearing against exposure and punishment for any crimes which such "citizen" of the invisible empire might commit, save and except the crime of violating his klan oath "treason against the United States of America, rape and malicious murder." The language of this oath being as follows:

"I swear that I will keep secure to myself the secret of a klansman when same is committed to me in the sacred bond of klansmanship—the crime of violating this solemn oath, treason against the United States of America, rape and malicious murder alone excepted."

The object and purpose of this organization has been, and continues to be, to assume to itself to accuse, try, condemn and punish ex parte and in secret any American citizen not a member of its organization for any offense, whether denounced by the laws of this state or not, which it may decide in its meeting and within its organization to accuse, try and punish.

It has set itself up as a government in hostility to the bill of rights and the constitution and laws of this State, and every entrant initiated and naturalized into its invisible empire is required to take an oath before the "flaming cross" as aforesaid consisting in substance of the following language:

Section I—Obedience.

"I, in the presence of God and man, most solemnly pledge, promise, and swear, unconditionally, that I will faithfully obey the constitution and laws; and will willingly conform to all regulations, usages, and requirements of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which do now exist or which may be hereafter enacted; and will render at all times loyal respect and steadfast support to the imperial authority of same; and will heartily heed all official mandates, decrees, edicts, rulings and instructions of the Imperial Wizard thereof. I will yield prompt response to all summonses, I having knowledge of same, providence alone preventing.

"I most solemnly swear that I will forever keep sacredly secret the signs, words, and grip; and any and all other matters and knowledge of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, regarding which a most rigid secrecy must be maintained, which may at any time be communicated to me and will never divulge same nor even cause the same to be divulged to any person in the whole world, unless I know positively that such person is a member of this order in good and regular standing, and not even then unless it be for the best interest of this order.

"I most sacredly vow and most positively swear that I will not yield to bribe, flattery, threats, passion, punishment, persuasion, nor any enticements whatever coming from or offered by any person or persons, male or female, for the purpose of obtaining from me a secret or secret information of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. I will die rather than divulge same. So help me God. Amen!

"Before God, and in the presence of these mysterious klansmen on my sacred honor, do most solemnly and sincerely pledge, promise, and swear that I will diligently guard every interest of the Knighrs of the Ku Klux Klan, and will maintain its social cast and dignity.

"I swear that I will not recommend any person for membership in this order whose mind is unsound or whose reputation I know to be bad, or whose character is doubtful or whose loyalty to our country is in any way questionable.

"I swear that I will pay promptly all just and legal demands made upon me to defray the expenses of my klan and this order, when same are due or called for.

"I swear that I will protect the property of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of any nature whatsoever; and if any should be intrusted to my keeping, I will properly keep or rightly use same; and will freely and promptly surrender same on official demand, or if ever I am banished from or voluntarily discontinue my membership in this order.

"I swear that I will, most determinedly, maintain peace and harmony in all the deliberations of the gatherings or assemblies of the invisible empire, and of any suoordinate jurisdiction or klan thereof.

"I swear that I will most strenuously discourage selfishness and selfish political ambition on the part of myself or any klansman.

"I swear that I will never allow personal friendship, blood or family relationship, nor personal, political or professional prejudice, malice, or ill will, to influence me in costing my vote for the election or rejection of an applicant for membership in the order, God being my helper. Amen.

"Section IV. Klanishness.

"(You will say) 'I' (pronounce your full name—and repeat after me)—'most solemnly pledge, promise, and swear that I will never slander, defraud, deceive, or in any manner wrong the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a klansman, nor a klansman's family, nor will I suffer the same to be done, if I can prevent it.

"'I swear that I will be faithful in defending and protecting the home, reputation, and physical business interest of a klansman and that of a klansman's family.

"'I swear that I will at any time, without hesitating, go to the asstance or rescue of a klansman in any way; at his call I will answer; I will be truly klanish toward klansmen in all things honorable.

"'I swear that I will not allow any animosity, friction, nor ill will to arise and remain between myself and a klansman; but will be constant in my efforts to promote real klanishness among the members of this order.

"'I swear that I will keep secure to myself a secret of a klansman when same is committeed to me in the sacred bond of klansmanship—the crime of violating this solemn oath, treason against the United States of America, rape, and malicious murder, alone excepted.'"

Having added two paragraphs acknowledging allegiance to the government of the United States and of any state of which the applicant was a resident and swearing to shield and preserve free public schools, free speech, etc., the oath then concluded in this language:

"'All to which I have sworn by this oath I will seal with my blood. Be thou my witness. Almighty God! Amen!'"

The resepondent T. H. Garner abandoning the duties and obligations imposed upon him by his oath of office, by the constitution and laws of Texas, which through the suffrage of the citizens of all classes in Jefferson county he had been solemnly entrusted with as a public officer, made application in the spring of 1921, for membership in the "invisible empire," his application, under the usual forms used by this conspiracy, was accepted, and as a public officer of Jefferson county he knelt before the alleged "flaming cross," in the presence of the hooded citizens of the "invisible empire" as aforesaid, and took the oath above stated as a "citizen" of the "invisible empire" and thereby assumed to be governed not by the laws of his country, but by the "all official mandates, decrees, edicts, rul-

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ings and instructions of the imperial wizard."

He thereby bound and obligated himself, contrary to his oath of office and the duties incumbent upon him as sheriff of Jefferson county, Texas, to keep secret any information that he might have of crimes committed by his fellow klansmen—the crimes above enumerated "alone excepted."

Charges Conspiracy.

Pursuant to the object and purpose of the conspiracy aforesaid, and in order to further the designs and purposes of his "citizenship" in the "invisible empire" and to cooperate more effectively with the plans and procedure of this conspiracy, the said respondent availed himself of the provisions of law of this State as provided in Vernon's Sayles' revised statutes, Art. 7125, providing that he had power to select deputies who are clothed with the same general power and jurisdiction which he himself had and for whose acts he was by law made responsible, selected among others three deputies, to-wit: E. E. Canant, George (Red) Wallace and Artie Pollock, who likewise became "citizens" of the "invisible empire," likewise assumed the obligations hereinbefore outlined, and they have continued to be, and are now, in the enjoyment of the powers and authority vested by the laws of Texas in such officers. Nevertheless, in common with their chief, the respondent in this case, and in violation of their duties and obligations imposed by the laws of this state and owing to the common citizenship of this country, they have been, and are now engaged in rendering obedience to the dictates, demands and decrees not of the constituted authority of this State, but of the officers and rulers of the so-called "invisible empire."

Specific acts wherewith the respondent and his deputies are chargeable, and are here charged, are more fully and particularly set out hereinafter, all of which constitute such conduct as that respondent, responsible for their acts and for his own, should be impeached and removed from office.

About the 7th day of May, 1921, the said conspiracy, known as Ku Klux Klan No. 7, of Beaumont, Texas, by the means and methods hereinbefore sketched, condemned a certain individual residing in Beaumont by the name of Paul to the pains and penalties pursuant to their law, and in violation of the laws of Texas prescribed in the criminal code and code of criminal procedure and in the bill of rights and constitution of this State accordingly invaded his home and seized his person, the mob consisting of approximately 15 masked men, acting pursuant to the order and decree officially made by said Ku Klux Klan No. 7, carried him to the woods and stripped him of his clothing, beat his body with thongs and tarred and feathered him. And after ordering him to leave Beaumont within 48 hours under pain and penalty of death at their hands, brought him back and dumped him in the public street, there to be observed by a gathering crowd of onlookers.

And about the same time and under the same circumstances, the same conspirators, in like manner, seized, maltreated, whipped and tarred and feathered one R. F. Scott, lately of the United States marine corps in the world war.

These criminal acts were admitted in an official communication issued under the seal of the Ku Klux Klan No. 7 of Beaumont, in a public statement wherein and whereby this gang of whitecappers and conspirators calling themselves Ku Kluxers sought to justify their crimes just detailed.

Laxness Alfeged.

At that time the respondent as sheriff of this county, was a member of this gang. He, of course, took no steps to apprehend the perpetrators of these crimes, and has never at any time apprehended or in any manner sought in good faith to apprehend the members of this conspiracy, and the immediate perpetrators of these crimes. But on the contrary has acquiesced therein, and in obedience to his klansman's oath, superior to that prescribed by the constitution and laws of Texas, has endorsed and ratified these law violations, thus and thereby becoming a participant in these crimes as an accomplice before and after the fact.

Further evidence of the activities of the conspiracy known as the Ku Klux Klan in Beaumont, of which the respondent by reason of his relation thereto as aforesaid, is responsible, are to be found in the following incidents:

On the 27th day of February, 1922, the home of one L. C. Schexnaider, residing near the village of Fannett, was invaded by four Ku Kluxers, headed by the said George (Red) Wallace and three other men members of the Ku Klux Klan No. 7 of Beaumont, entered his home by force, maltreated him and his family, broke up his furniture and personal property, seized in a nearby outhouse, what is known as a whisky still, which they brought back to Beaumont and deposited on the post office corner on Pearl street.

In this raid, which was entirely without warrant of law, and in utter violation of the law, the respondent is legally and morally responsible for the act of his brother "citizens" of the "invisible empire." Red Wallace, whom he had deputized as deputy sheriff of Jefferson county.

Not only was no effort made to apprehend and arrest the parties guilty of this crime, but by reasons of the averments hereinbefore made, the respondent is himself chargeable therewith as an accomplice.

Another instance of the criminal activities of these conspirators of which the respondent is one in manner and from as herinbefore alleged, is the seizing of a certain negro by the name of Dick Richards, an employe of the Crosby house, by members of this organization, and pursuant to their orders and secret decrees, deprived him of his constitutional rights guaranteed by the laws of the land to be tried for any offense with which he might be charged with due process of law, and carried him away to the outskirts of the city of Beaumont, and there, without warrant of law, beat his body with ropes and whips, ordering him within 24 hours to leave the city of Beaumont, which order he complied with, abandoning his home and place of residence here, where he had lived for 21 years, on account of the fear of violence inspired by this criminal conspiracy.

The respondent has arrested none of the perpetrators of these crimes, nor has he in any way busied himself to bring to justice the perpetrators of this outrage. But on the contrary, by reasons of his relation to the criminal conspiracy aforesaid, as a "citizen" of the 'invisible empire" he is a particeps criminis to the outrage.

"Likewise, about the ——— day of March, 1922, John A. Pelt, aged 63 years, a lawyer and ex-justice of the peace of Hardin county residing within two blocks of the county court house on Milam street, in the city of Beaumont, while sitting with his wife on the front porch of his home, was brutally assaulted by a gang of men believed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan of Beaumont, and of similar organization of Sour Lake, Hardin county, Texas, beat over the head with a six-shooter until he was insensible and loaded into an automobile and carried by this gang to the woods near the Hardin and Jefferson county line, and there tied to a tree, stripped of his clothing, beaten and tarred and feathered; thence carried to Sour Lake, in Hardin county, and thrown out of the automobile in which he was being abducted on the public streets of that town.

It is believed and here charged to be a fact upon such information and belief, that the said George (Red) Wallace, a deputy sheriff under the respondent, was one of the leaders of this gang, assaulting and maltreating the said Pelt.

The respondent not only has at no time arrested any member of this gang, composed of some nine persons, but has made no bona fide effort to arrest any of them and bring them to the bar of justice for their misdeeds. On the contrary, it is believed and here charged, that in maner as herein-before alleged he was part and parcel of the conspiracy by reason of his membership therein in the violation of the law by a member of his own official force and other confederates engaged in this offense.

VI.

Wholly apart from the acutal participation and criminal knewledge of the law violations alleged in the specific instances hereinbefore set out, the respondent has been remiss in his duties as an officer in neglecting the discharge of his duties in failing utterly to run down, arrest and bring to justice the criminals who in the very shadow of the court house where respondent has his office, and under the arc lights of the city of Beaumont, these crimes have been openly and flagrantly committed, and the citizens of this community, victims of these outrages, denied their constitutional protection and denied the due process of law.

These are but a portion of similar outrages which have been periodically occurring, bearing the same general type and character, and believed to be the result of the criminal conspiracy hereinbefore averred. They all show the utter unfitness of the respondent for the high office of sheriff of this county. They establish the total remissness of duty on his part and an unwillingness or incapacity, or both, to serve the people of this county as an officer elected and sworn under the laws of the State, and an indication of his superior allegiance to his "citizenship" in the "invisible empire" and obedience to the emperor of said "invisible empire" and his subordinate officers "genii," "dragon," "hydras," "goblin," "kleagles," "grand titans," "furies of provinces," "giants," "exalted cyclops," and "terrors of cantons," such being the names designated by the imperial wizard.

Removal Asked.

Premises considered complainant, upon the relation of the persons filing this bill, prays your honor for a citation to be served upon the respondent with a copy of this petition, requiring him at a certain day named and fixed by your honor, to appear and answer the petition; and upon a hearing hereof that an inquiry be had into all the matters averred in this petition touching the truth of the averments made against the respondent, with a full and complete inquiry into the organization, conduct and personnel of the said Ku Klux Klan confederation and conspiracy with which the respondent is here charged; and upon an establishment of the facts set forth in this petition, or such of them as shall be deemed pertinent and sufficient to cause the removal of the respondent from office, that a final decree be made and entered impeaching and removing the said respondent, T. H. Garner, from office of sheriff of Jefferson county, Texas, and declaring that office vacant, and suspending his further exercise of the privileges thereof, and the appointing of such other fit and suitable person to that office as the court may deem proper, to the end that the laws of this State and the constitutional protection guaranteed by the bill of rights shall be extended to each and every citizen, high and low, within the jurisdiction of this court and within the boundaries of this county.

And complainant prays for such other relief as the exigencies of this case may warrant and as the facts may justify, whether herein specially prayed for or not, including all costs of this proceeding.

The facts averred in this petition are based upon information furnished and believed by petitioners to be credible, and thereupon they, on their corporal oaths, upon such information and belief, hereunder verify this bill.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COMPLAINANT.

By Farrel D. Minor, W. E. Orgain, W. D. Gordon, H. P. Barry, J. Cooke Wilson, Leon Sonfield, petitioners.

S. M. King, attorney for petitioners.

Sheriff Garner's answer, after the usual legal verbage, in the preamble, says as follows:

In the event the foregoing exceptions are not sustained, and only in that event, defendant T. H. Garner, for further answer herein denies all and singular the allegations in said petition contained, requires strict proof thereof, and of this he puts himself upon the country.

General Denial.

"Without waiving any of the exceptions and the general denial hereinbefore urged, but insisting upon the same, defendant, for further answer herein, admits the allegation contained in paragraph one of said petition to the effect, that he was and is the duly elected and qualified sheriff of Jefferson county, Texas; but he specially denies all those allegations of complaints, to the effect, that he, by acts of commission and omission, has, at any time, been guilty of official misconduct and unlawful behavior in relation to the duties of his office; that he has refused and neglected the duties enjoined upon him as such sheriff; that he has ever abandoned the duties and obligations imposed upon him by his oath of office or the constitution and laws of Texas, and has joined, and assumed to be governed by, the Ku Klux organization or the imperial wizard thereof; he specially denies having bound himself, to keep secret any information he might have of crimes committed by the Ku Klux Klan; he specially denies that his deputies, E. E. Cannant, George Wallace and Artie Pollock have been, or are now, rendering obedience to the rulers of the invisible empire, as described and charged by complainants; he specially denies having been a member of a gang of Ku Klux and conspirators which complainants allege unlawfully beat and maltreated one Dr. Paul as alleged in said petition; or of having failed to take steps to apprehend the perpetrators thereof; he denies having acquiesced in said acts of violence in obedience to any oath held by him superior to his oath of office as charged in said petition; defendant further specially denies the charge that his deputy, George Wallace, on the 7 day of February, 1922, unlawfully aided and lead four Ku Kluxers in the unlawful invasion of the home of L. C. Schexnaider, and unlawfully maltreated the inmates thereof, broke the furniture and seized a whiskey still therein, as charged in said complain. Defendant specially denies that either he or his deputies unlawfully permitted, or had anything to do with, the alleged invasion of the said home, or that no effort was made by respondent to do his duty relative thereto; defendant further denies having had knowledge of, or aided and abetted, in any way, in the commission of any assault upon Dick Richards, as charged in said complaint; he further denies that either he or his deputies knew of, was present and committed or aided and abetted parties who assaulted John A. Pelt, as alleged in said complaint; or that they were in any wise a part and parcel of any conspiracy to perpetrate such maltreatment on said Pelt as charged; defendant further denies having had anything to do with, or any knowledge of, the whipping and mistreatment of R. F. Scott, as charged in said petition; he denies the allegation to the effect, that he has made no bona fide effort to investigate and discover said offending parties who perpetrated the acts of lawlessness alleged in said petition; he denies ever having knowingly and lawfully joined, or allied himself with, any criminal conspiracy, whose purpose and object was to violate the laws of the land, whether they be styled "Ku Klux Klan," "invisible empire," or "imperial wizard," as charged by complainants in their said petition.

"And defendant, further answering, as to all those allegations set out in said complaint describing the organization and character of the Ku Klux Klan, its criminality, its purpose, its manner, and the formula used in the initiation, control and direction of its members; and the various acts of violence committed by it in Jefferson county, Texas or elsewhere, the character and identity of its founder, the personality and acts of the imperial wizard, and hostility to the bill of rights, constitution and laws of the

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Ku Klux Klan — 1922

Texas.

Klansmen Commend Work of Retiring Pastor

Houston Post Special

PALESTINE, Texas, Feb. 21.—Four klansmen garbed in the regalia of the order entered the First Baptist church here on Wednesday night while a farewell service in honor of Rev. D. B. Clapp, the pastor, was in progress. Dr. Clapp is leaving the pastorate here to accept a call to a church in Paducah, Ky. The klansmen handed to the presiding officer a communication from the klan, which was read to the congregation, and which praised in highest terms the work of the minister during his stay in Palestine.

The pastor's activities in behalf of law enforcement and high moral standards in the community were particularly commended. After the reading of the communication, the klansmen left the church and sped away in a waiting automobile.

Following the services at the church Dr. Clapp and his family went to the railway station, where an immense throng had assembled to pay their farewells.

Ku Klux Klan Initiates 100 Novices at Galveston

Houston Post

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 3.—More than 100 candidates were initiated here Friday night in the local chapter, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at a ceremonial held in the rooms of the order. According to information given out by officials of the local chapter, there were a larger number to be initiated, but the size of the class had to be limited because of the lack of room to perform the ceremonies.

About 500 klansmen attended the ceremonies and of this number a good majority were visitors from the surrounding territory. Several talks were made by both local members and visiting klansmen. Several of the speakers called attention to existing immoral conditions of the city and denounced all anti-American tendencies.

Luling Klansmen Accept Invitation to Parade

Houston Post Special.

LULING, Texas, Feb. 9.—Mayor C. T. Greenwood and Commissioners Walker and Taylor, who recently extended the official invitation of the city of Luling to the Ku Klux Klan of Caldwell county to stage a parade through the streets of Luling, received the following notice through the mails Tuesday morning:

"To the Public:

"In accordance with the request of the city council of the city of Luling, notice is hereby given that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will pass through the main streets of Luling between the hours of 8 and 10 p. m. Friday, February 10, 1922.

"We request that all cars be parked with backs to the sidewalk, and that the streets be kept clear of traffic during the parade.

"By order of the Exalted Cyclops.

(Seal) Luling Klan No. 109, Realm of Texas, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

6000 Klansmen Parade Streets of Fort Worth

Houston Tex. Post

Associated Press Report.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 16.—Garbed in their mystic robes of white, more than 6000 Klansmen paraded the streets of Fort Worth at 9:30 o'clock Thursday night. The demonstration was one of the largest yet held in Texas, and was unattended by any untoward incident. The marchers were augmented by delegations from Dallas, Cleburne and other neighboring towns. Houston and Main streets were thronged with sightseers. As the Klansmen entered the street, all city lights were turned out.

NEW FLOGGING CASE AT PORT ARTHUR, TEX.

Montgomery Advertiser

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, Feb. 13.—A public statement of Sidney Greig today said that he and Peter Kibbe, both grown boys, residing here, were forced into an automobile Saturday night by three unmasked men, blindfolded and taken out of the city limits, where they were flogged and ordered to leave town.

Greig showed local officers welts on his back, evidently made, the police say, by a rope. It is believed Kibbe left town.

Greig said the men accused him and Kibbe of joy riding with girls under 14 taking them to a dance ten miles from the city and offering them whiskey and insisting on their drinking it.

Two Whipped Men "Call" On Editor at Texarkana

Houston Texas Post

Associated Press Report.

TEXARKANA, Texas, Feb. 9.—Twice within 24 hours masked men have entered the news room of the Four States Press, a Texarkana morning paper, on each occasion bringing with them a man they had taken out and whipped.

Each of the men was blindfolded when they were brought in and each was instructed to "tell him why," by 'him," meaning the city editor. One of the men said the masked men told him he was whipped for beating his wife and the other said his whipping was for bothering another man's wife. Both men denied having committed any offense.

UNUSUAL STUNT IS STAGED BY K. K. K.

Montgomery Advertiser

(Associated Press)

EVERETT, WASH., March 10.—Five men, attired in the robes and hoods of the Ku Klux Klan entered the First Baptist church here last night and stopped the services long enough to hand the Rev. F. W. Swift an envelope containing a sum of money. The klansmen also enclosed a letter commending the work of Rev. Mr. Swift and told him to use the money as he saw fit.

Coat of Tar and Feathers Applied to Orange Man

Houston Post

Associated Press Report.

ORANGE, Texas, Feb. 21.—C. C. Johnson, 25, grocery merchant, was taken from his store tonight by two masked men and after a coat of tar and feathers was applied he was dumped into the street naked in the heart of the business section. The driver of the car did not slow down for him to alight, and Johnson fell, injuring his left arm. He walked to the post office, a half block away, and asked to be taken to the hospital.

Johnson is unmarried and has been a resident here about six months. He made no effort to account for the assault.

Masked Men Nab Auto Loaded With Liquors

Houston Tex. Post

Associated Press Report.

TEXARKANA, Texas, Feb. 11.—A group of masked men Saturday night seized an automobile containing a quantity of liquor near DeKalb, west of here, and then administered a whipping to the two men who were in the car.

The automobile and the liquor were brought to DeKalb. The latter was destroyed by DeKalb citizens and the former turned over to a night watchman.

TEXAS MOB APPLIES TAR COAT TO PRIEST

Montgomery Advertiser

(Associated Press)

SLATON, TEXAS, March 5.—Rev. J. G. Keller, local Catholic priest, was taken to a lonely spot north of town last night, severely beaten and tarred and feathered by a party of masked men.

No reason was assigned for their action. Rev. Keller was ordered to leave town and stated that he would do so. He says the men told him they were not members of an organization but were Protestants and Catholics.

Dallas Klan and City Post Rewards for Kidnapers

Houston Tex. Post

Associated Press Report.

DALLAS, Texas, March 8.—Rewards totaling $750 were offered Wednesday for the arrest and conviction of the persons who took Philip Rothblum from his home Monday night and flogged him. Of the amount $500 was offered by Dallas klan No. 66, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in a letter to Mayor Aldredge. The other $250 was offered by the city. The city accepted the offer of the klan to pay $500 for the arrest and conviction of the persons attacking Rothblum.

GETS TAR AND FEATHERS.

Orange Grocer Unable to Explain His Treatment

Commercial Appeal

ORANGE, Tex., Feb. 22.—C. C. Johnson, 25, a grocer, was taken from his store last night by two masked men and after a coat of tar and feathers was applied he was dumped naked into a street in the heart of the business section. The driver of the car did not slow down for him to alight and Johnson fell, injuring one [illegible]. He walked to the postoffice, a half block away, and asked to be taken to a hospital.

Johnson is unmarried and has lived here six months. He said he had not been warned to leave the city. He made no effort to account for the attack.

Tarred and Feathered.

Atlanta Constitution

Waco, Texas, February 21.—Four unmasked men last night abducted Ray Daniels, manager of a local mercantile store, took him outside the city limits, and tarred and feathered him. Daniels, it is said, received a letter several days ago advising him to leave town.

Klan Credited With Raid On Stills Near Beaumont And Warnings Given

Houston Tex. Post 3/1/22

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Feb. 28.—Ku Klux Klan members in the vicinity of Beaumont entered into a new line of activities Monday night when they raided stills in the Fannett district and brought back to Beaumont four of the moonshine stills which had been shot full of bullet holes. The stills were dumped out in the street, two in front of Fuller's cafe and two near the post office on Pearl street by masked men in an automobile just before midnight.

A jug of corn liquor was broken in the street in front of the cafe and one of the masked men set fire to the liquid.

Notations on the copper vessels and worms gave the names of two persons who were said to have been owners of the stills.

The stills weer destroyed and the copper containers shot so full of bullet holes that the vessels could not be repaired.

Names on two of the vessels are of persons said to reside in the Fannett district, one of them, a white man, having resided in Beaumont, it is said, until a few months ago.

Notice on each piece of equipment gave warning to the still owners and was signed "Klan 7 of the Ku Klux Klan."

KLAN WILL ASSIST IN KEEPING MEXIA CLEANED OF CRIME

Martial Law Rule Praised; Lawless Element Given Warning

Houston Tex. Post 3/1/22

Houston Post Special.

MEXIA, Texas, Feb. 28.—The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the Mexia Ku Klux Klan No. 47, realm of Texas, at a meeting held "somewhere in Mexia" Monday night:

"Mexia, Texas, Feb. 28.—To the Mayor and County Commissioners, Mexia, Texas: Dear Sirs—This copy of resolutions is addressed to you especially, and to the lawless element incidentally:

"The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a meeting of our organization on Monday night, February 27, 1922:

"1. Be it resolved, That the Mexia Ku Klux Klan No. 47 of the realm of Texas heartily indorses the action of the governor of Texas in establishing and maintaining martial law in this district for the past 47 days, and that we deplore the conditions that made this act necessary.

"2. We heartily approve and indorse the action and suggestions of General Jacob F. Wolters, his splendid body of men and the State rangers in outlining to us a plan whereby we hope to regain and maintain our former position as a law abiding people in the eyes of the world.

"3. We pledge you our united efforts as an organization (and our numbers are legion) to assist in maintaining the degree of efficiency that has been established, and will at all times stand ready to uphold the dignity of the law.

"4. We hereby serve notice on the lawless element of our population that, because of the withdrawal of the State constabulary forces, we will not countenance any of the acts of lawlessness and violence that were so prevalent in our midst 60 days ago. If your acts are such as to merit court action we will see that you are carried to court. If the courts can not handle your case, or will not do so, we will handle it ourselves in our own way.

"5. We have sufficient forces to assist in every way in maintaining and upholding the dignity of the law, and each and every one of us will see that this is done.

"6. We are forwarding a copy of these resolutions to the Governor of our State, to the adjutant general, to General Jacob F. Wolters and to each of our daily papers.. Respectfully,

"Mexia Ku Klux Klan No. 47, Realm of Texas."

Governor Declines to Stop Klan Parade

Houston Tex. Post 3/5/22

Associated Press Report.

AUSTIN, May 4.—Constable Charles H. Hamby of Austin, called at Governor Neff's office late Thursday and delivered a letter signed by himself, requesting aid in preventing a parade of the Ku Klux Klan in Austin Thursday night. Mr. Hamby said in the letter that he was reliably informed that the Ku Klux Klan are to parade and that he had been called on by the "law abiding citizens" to prevent it.

Governor Neff said later that the letter had been delivered to him but that he did not see Constable Hamby. He said he would not comply with the requests in the letter.

Ku Klux Klansmen Give Pastor and Evangelist $50 Each Sunday Night

Robed Figures Visit North Side and La Porte Churches

Houston Tex. Post

FUNDS TO CARRY ON ENDEAVORS

3/13/22

Members of Sam Houston Klan No. 1, Realm of Texas, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, went to church twice in the Houston district Sunday, leaving with the pastor of the North Side Methodist church and with an evangelistic singer at La Porte gifts of $50 for the purpose of furthering the cause of religion.

Hooded and gowned in the trappings of the klan, the visitors made their way into the churches, proceeded decorously down the central aisles to the pulpits, presented envelopes containing their gifts and departed quietly. In each instance the visiting party consisted of five men, three of whom went to the pulpits and two remained on guard at the doorways.

In each instance the klan's visit aroused the liveliest interest, but there was no disorder and on the departure of the visitors the services were taken up where they were left off at the time of the appearance of the representatives of the klan.

Just as services of the North Side Methodist church were being concluded, four robed klansmen walked down the aisle and handed Rev. R. S. Marshal, the pastor, a letter containing $50. The note inclosed directed that the money be used in helping the needy.

John C. Cohen of Palestine, Texas, an evangelist singer, assisting in a Baptist revival meeting at La Porte, was presented with the other $50, a note inclosed expressing approval of his work and inviting that the money be used for whatever use he thought best.

Services of the North Side Methodist church are being held in the North Side High school auditorium, the church building having burned down some time ago. Rev. Mr. Marshall Sunday delivered the second of a series of special sermons to young people and a good attendance was present when the robed figures appeared.

Throughout the demonstration quiet prevailed, but when Rev. Mr. Marshall read the letter the crowd cheered to the echo.

Evangelist Cohen is credited with having worked hard during the revival at La Porte, and the note of the klan accompanying the donation stated that the klan "believed in the tenets of the Christian religion and was glad to extend a helping hand to the worthy. We ask you to accept this small token of our appreciation and use as you see fit in your worthy work."

Members of the audience state that when the klansmen had departed and the object of their visit became known, prolonged cheering broke forth.

K. K. K. Donated $50 to Rousing Angleton Revival

Houston Post Special.

ANGLETON, Texas, May 2.—Rev. T. W. S. John of Houston closed a three weeks' revival meeting in the Methodist church at Angleton last week.

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Unusual interest was manifested. Stores and offices closed for the day services. The school [illegible] the evangelist to speak in the school buildings. Pastors and workers from other churches helped in the campaign. It was an interesting carrying on." The day was often begun with a sunrise prayer meeting, 10 o'clock Bible study, cottage prayer meetings in many parts of the city and closed with the evangelistic sermon at night. The K. K. K. visited the field, leaving $50. Converts joined the church of their choice.

TEXAS CHILD OUTLAWRY

Baptist Mess Juardian

NEW BRAND—CHILDREN MOB A MINISTER—FINALLY SHAVE HIS HEAD PUBLICLY.

4/29/22

Cleveland, Texas, April 22, 1922.—One of the most remarkable demonstrations of the mob spirit which has spread over Texas during the last few months occurred here a few days ago when 15 automobile loads of children were driven to the home of Rev. Will Pattent, a Baptist minister, and, aided by a few men of the town, took him in charge, paraded him though the principal streets and then shaved his head.

Pattent's punishment grew out of the fact that he had offered objection to his 12-year-old daughter having her hair bobbed. The girl is a pupil in the public school, and when she told some of her friends of the attitude which her father took in the matter of conforminng to the popular style of wearing her hair, they were very indignant toward him.

Warned Daughter First

She said that her father had told her that if she had her hair bobbed he would clip it close to her scalp as a punishment for her disobedience. Notwithstanding this parental edict, the girl came home the other day with her hair bobbed.

The father then gave his daughter the choice of remaining out of school for a certain period and reading the Bible or of having her hair clipped; she chose the latter alterative. When she appeared at school there was a storm of indignation among the students.

During the noon recess 15 automobiles were driven to the school building and loaded with children of all ages, and with a sprinkling of men, went to Pattent's home. He was made to get in a truck, in which they paraded him through the streets, finally stopping in front of a drugstore.

Making their victim sit in a chair, a group of the schoolmates of the Pattent girl took clippers and clipped Pattent's hair. Then four of them took turns with a razor in shaving his head. A group estimated as 200 persons gathered around while the incident was taking place. In the crowd was a deputy sheriff, but no interference was offered.

A Good Man

Pattent is regarded as a conscientious, honest and good man. He is well known as a preacher, and also has taught school. Several years ago his wife, mother of the girl in question, died, and he brought up his family of motherless children.

There are about 25 members of the Ku Klux Klan in this community, and since the organization of the Klan here the school children have been greatly interester in its activities.

K. K. K. ARE DISCHARGED.

5/4/22

Had Right to Refuse to Answer Questions of Grand Jury.

Commercial Appeal

AUSTIN, Texas, May 3.—The court of criminal appeals today held that H. D. Miller, Wallace Martin and Jim Jennings, who were adjudged in contempt of Wichita County District Court for refusal to answer grand jury questions regarding the Ku Klux Klan, had a right not to answer and ordered them discharged.

GARLAND MEN ASK ANTI KLAN TO KEEP AWAY

Houston Tex. Post

Houston Post Special.

DALLAS, Texas, May 12.—There will be no meeting of the Anti-Ku-Klux Klan society in Garland Saturday if the people of that town can prevent it. In a petition signed by 160 business men and received at the headquarters of the Anti-Klan organization Friday, chairman M. M. Crane is requested to call off the proposed meeting. The petitioners declare that there has been no strife in the city concerning the Klan and add that they want none of it now. The communication was signed by the mayor and the secretary of the chamber of commerce along with the business men.

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This is the first rebuff the anti-klan forces have recived since the organization decided to extend operations to all Dallas county. Saturday was to have marked the beginning of an intensive anti-klan drive in this county. At anti-klan headquarters it was not said whether the organization would heed the wishes of the Garland people in the matter.

BEAUMONT PASTOR ADMITS FORMER KLAN CONNECTION

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Rev. A. D. Ellis Said He Had Been Highest Texas Official

Houston Tex. Post

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 12.—Rev. A. D. Ellis, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, in testifying today before S. Bronson Cooper, notary public, for the purpose of taking oral depositions to be used in connection with the impeachment charges brought against Sheriff Tom Garner, admitted that he was once the highest officer of the klan in Texas, filling the office of grand dragon. He also stated he was the exalted cyclops of the Beaumont klan. Rev. Mr. Ellis declared he resigned from the organization some months ago. He said he never saw the sheriff at the meetings of the klan.

Seventeen men were summoned to appear before the notary public by members of the citizens' committee which is prosecuting the case against the sheriff.

Walter J. Crawford, prominent attorney, declared that he had been a member of the organization, but resigned March 27, after being a member less than three weeks. He said he never attended a meeting of the klan during the time.

Chief of Police Johnson said he attended several meetings of the klan. Asked if he was one of the charter members of the order, he replied that he didn't think this was a fact. Rev. Mr. Ellis, who was questioned at length, declared the secretary of the local klan was Ralph Brown, an insurance man.

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No Reason For Removal—Garner

Houston Post Special.

BEAUMONT, Texas, May 12.—Sheriff Tom Garner today replied to the charges made against him by the citizens' committee in the ouster suit through his attorney, eGorge C. O'Brie, denying that there was any reason whatsoever for his being removed from office. He also asked that the hearing be had before a judge other than E. A. McDowell, setting forth that Judge McDowell was prejudiced and because of his mental attitude could not give him a fair trail.

KLAN QUIZZ SENT RANGER FORCE BY GOVERNOR NEFF

Houston Tex Post

Action Follows Request By Dallas County Citizens League

5/17/22

Houston Post Special.

AUSTIN, Texas, May 10.—Recently Governor Neff received a letter from M. M. Crane of Dallas, requesting the governor to furnish the Dallas County Citizens' league with a list of the rangers and officers of the National Guard who were members of the Ku Klux Klan. Wednesday afternoon the governor addressed a letter to Crane setting forth his plans in complying with the request.

The governor's letter is as follows:

"I returned to my office Friday after an absence of 11 weeks, and this is my very first opportunity to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 28, that came to my office in my absence.

"As chairman of the Dallas County Citizens' league, you ask that I furnish to you the names of the men in the adjutant general's department, the ranger service and the National Guard who are members of the Ku Klux Klan. There are about 65 men who are connected with the adjutant general's office and the ranger service, and about 40 of these rangers are at this time on the Rio Grande border, and about 10 are [illegible]ty in various other places in Texas. There are between 300 and 400 officers in the National Guard.

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"I am not in possession at this time of the information desired by you, but I have today instituted through the proper authorities and proper channels an inquiry as to membership of the various officials above named in the organization mentioned by you. Just as soon as report is made to me, I will advise you."

INVESTIGATION OF LAREDO KU KLUX IS ORDERED BY JUDGE

Montgomery Advertiser

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(Associated Press)

LAREDO, TEXAS, March 16.—Complete investigation into the organization of the Ku Klux Klan in Laredo was ordered today by District Judge Mullaly, in instructing the grand jury. He told the jury to summon every city, county and federal officer and question them as to membership in the klan, which he characterized as an "unlawful organization, gotten up for the purpose of violating the laws of the state."

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The Retirement of Culberson

There are many newspaper opinions in circulation outside of Texas exching the defeat of Senator Culberson, and not one of them is vested with much truth or plausibility.

Naturally, some of them attribute the result to the Ku Klux Klan, against which he launched an unfriendly opinion. Others trace the cause back to the circumstance that he was one of the senators who stood with Wilson for the League of Nations. Such views are wholly untenable. Houston Post 7-28-22

Six years ago, when there was no Ku Klux Klan and before the nation had entered the war, Senator Culberson ran almost 30,000 votes behind Colquitt in the primary election, and managed to get in the run-off by polling just a few more votes than Dr. S. P. Brooks. Once in the run-off, he had easy sailing, his majority exceeding 60,000.

One cause of the senator's retirement was a widespread conviction among the people of Texas that his poor health had disqualified him physically for rendering efficient service, such as he rendered in his golden years. No doubt the poor state of his health has been much exaggerated, but the fact that he has been unable to visit the State and appear before his constituents at any point for nearly ten years did much to convince tens of thousands of new voters of both sexes that the rumors of his failing health were true.

A second cause of his retirement was the circumstance that time, affliction and his inability to visit Texas had made him more or less a stranger to the great majority of the electorate. The "old guard" of his following is now a minority. The new voters were not in touch with him, whereas they see and know personally his opponents, all of whom are now in the prime of their strength.

The senator's opponents, for the most part, have been prominent in recent political contests—some of them very much so. They have been winning followers by the attraction of personal contact. The senator, being absent, has not been adding to his supporters of the great campaigns he led in 1894 and 1896. On the contrary, the quarter of a century which has elapsed since he canvassed the State has taken tens of thousands of his old followers out of the land of the living and a new generation of leaders has appeared to divide among them the new voters.

All this is a pathetic—indeed, tragic—instance of the vice which some one has described as the ingratitude of republics, but there is nothing remarkable about it, for such things have happened in scores of instances in our country, even in Texas. Witness, the deposing of Houston from the office of governor in 1861.

But it is a brilliant chapter Culberson has contributed to Texas political history. None of his predecessors boasted so lengthy a tenure in the service of the State. Four years as attorney general, four years as governor, and twenty-four years in the senate, make up a career seldom equalled in this country, and when it is added that in each of these exalted stations he was always efficient, always brilliant, always resourceful and never failing to reflect the highest credit upon the State, all must agree that his is one of the most illustrious names in the roster of Texas statesmen.

Culberson alone of his contemporaries of 1890, the year he entered public life, remains in official station. Allison Mayfield, chairman of the railway commission, who became Culberson's secretary of State in 1895, and was subsequently advanced by his chief to the commission, is probably the dean of Texas officialdom after Culberson. Many are dead, others are engaged in private pursuits, some are in the helpless retirement of feeble old age.

Contemplating all that Culberson has done and all that he has meant to Texas and the country, no reverse at this time of his life can obscure the lustre of his fame or the solid worth of his remarkable career.

Texas.

It will be well for Texas in the strenuous years looming ahead if she shall have the good fortune to command the devotion and genius of great sons like Culberson to pilot her through the crises which are the inexorable lot of every State.

For United States Senator, Earle B. Mayfield

The returns of Saturday's primary election show conclusively that Charles A. Culberson, Cullen F. Thomas, Clarence Ousley and Robert L. Henry have been eliminated from the contest for United States senator, and that the names of Earle B. Mayfield and James E. Ferguson will go before the electorate in the final referendum of August 26.

Thus such complications and confusion of ideas as existed in the first campaign have all disappeared and the people of Texas face a simple situation, stripped of all difficulty. Houston Post.

In the first stage of the contest, with Culberson, Thomas, Ousley and Henry in the field—and the four of them seem to have polled about 51 per cent of the total vote—it is not strange that there should have been a wide range of preference among the people. All four are men of the highest character, educated, ripe in the experience of service in public or private station, one of them with the longest record of brilliant public service ever achieved by a Texas statesman. 7-27-22

That thousands for one reason or another should have preferred any of these to Earle B. Mayfield is no cause for surprise. Now it remains for the followers of these four men to accept the operations of law which eliminates them from further consideration and choose between Earle B. Mayfield and James E. Ferguson.

In such a contest, The Post believes the men and women of Texas will not permit subordinate issues to control their final action. It believes they will behold in the situation a new and paramount issue, which is no less than the prestige, the influence and the standing of the commonwealth in the most august deliberative body of the world.

Surely intelligent and thoughtful citizens can see that the so-called Klan issue is no longer a matter of importance.

Surely they can see that even the hair-splitting differences on the ancient tariff question are not vital in a situation like this.

Surely they can see that the various economic proposals, of which much was said by the eliminated candidates, can not weigh heavily in the balances in the presence of the one issue which is presented by the choice between Earle B. Mayfield and James E. Ferguson.

The issue is Mr. Ferguson himself, made so by his own public record in this State, which requires no discussion before this generation of Texas citizens.

No doubt there are among the followers of the four eliminated candidates many voters who favor the outstanding plank of Mr. Ferguson's platform, but as much as they might favor the return of light wines and beer, as Texans they could not afford to send such a spokesman as Mr. Ferguson to the United States senate to advocate their views. Out of consideration for the very prestige and glory of the State, they would have to wait until they might find a more eligible spokesman to represent them.

When it is recalled that Texas has been famous for her great senators from the day that Sam Houston and Thomas J. Rusk first spoke for her there, that John Hemphill, Richard Coke, Sam Bell Maxey, John H. Reagan, Horace Chilton, Roger Q. Mills, Charles A. Culberson, Joseph W. Bailey and Morris Sheppard have represented her in that great forum, surely one's State pride alone in the present situation would proclaim no other alternative at this time than the nomination of Earle B. Mayfield.

KU KLUX KLAN PICTURE WILL BE SHOWN HERE

Houston Post

The first showing of a picture entitled "The Mysterious Eyes of the Ku Klux Klan," will be at the Iris theater Tuesday, according to Will Horwitz, manager. Mr. Horwitz says that the picture will offend no one, but will show the inside workings of the Klan. It is being shown in connection with the regular booking, "Devotion," and Allen Dwan production with an all-star cast. 8-14-22

In the picture is shown the Klansmen entering the klavern, giving a password and kissing the flag of the United States, Mr. Horwitz says. It also shows the initiation services.

According to the manager of the theater, the picture also shows how a wife-beater, through fear of the Ku Klux Klan, was made to straighten out and treat his wife with kindness. Several other examples are shown of the results that the Klan has brought forth.

UNMASKING

IMPERIAL WIZARD Pro Tem. E. Y. Clarke sent out a general order to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to discard their masks, robes and other regalia except when in their lodgerooms. The great I-am must be convinced that a sheet-covered, cur-like specimen of humanity has no terror for the Catholic, the Jew or the Negro. Their bolshevistic tendencies, disloyalty and murderous aspirations have long since been unmasked, and the organization stands in the eyes of law-abiding American citizens like a cancer gnawing at the vitals of our beloved Uncle Sam.

IN TEXAS and one or two other semi-barbaric states the klan has openly gone into the political game and placed its members on the state tickets, running them on the principles and doctrines set forth and advocated by this criminal organization. If the candidates win it will only show to what depths the citizens of the community have sunk. Former Governor James E. Ferguson, an anti-klan man, who was in the race for United States senator, ran far behind his ticket in klan communities. It is all well and good to shout from the housetops that this is a free country and no curb shoud be placed on free speech or free action of individuals or groups, but experience has taught other countries that the time to nip undemocratic and lawless organizations is the moment they first bob up their heads. Now that the real objects and purposes of the klan have been revealed, why delay government action longer?

KU KLUX VITAL ISSUE.

Commercial Appeal Memphis, Tenn 8-26-22

Klan Figuring Largely in Texas Political Contests.

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 25.—The Ku Klux Klan promises to be an issue in Texas politics until after the final elections in November. It has become a vital issue in the Democratic party especially in the race for Democratic nomination for United States senator, and is creeping over the race for nomination for lesser state offices. It also has been a bitter issue in certain counties.

The action of the Republican state committee in opposing the Klan in its platform, adopted in convention at Fort Worth Aug. 9, precludes dropping of the issue after the Democratic primary of Aug. 26. Politicians declare they see a bid by the Republicans for the anti-klan Democratic vote in the platform plank opposing the Klan.

The Republicans, for the first time in a number of years, have a full state ticket in the field now. Heretofore nomination on the Democratic ticket has been considered equal to election, with only an occasional exception. There are few members of the Republican party optimistic enough to declare they expect success of their candidates this year, but they do say they expect the Republican vote will show an increase, and the Democrats will not have as easy a time as in the past.

Mayfield Leads in Senatorial Race; Culberson and Ferguson Fighting For Run-Off Place

Neff Far in the Lead of Rogers and Col. Billie Mayfield Is Ahead of Davidson in Contest Nomination As Lieutenant Governor.

Houston

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DALLAS, Texas, July 22.—Incomplete returns from today's democratic primary from 47 of the 251 counties which will report, gave Earl B. Mayfield a lead of 3,554 votes over Senator Culberson, for the United States senate. As the count returns slowly came in, they indicated that Mayfield was maintaining about the same lead shown for him in the incomplete reports from scattered towns earlier in the evening. Senator Culberson, who had been running third and fourth in the town reports, however, had gone to second place when the county returns began to be made. James E. Ferguson, however, was following Senator Culberson closely.

The figures were: Mayfield 14,101; Culberson 10,547; Ferguson 9,878; Thomas 7,804; Ousley 6,152; Henry 3,475.

For governor, Pat M. Neff in the 47 counties had a lead of more than 10,000; Rogers, his nearest opponent; Neff's vote was 25,902; Rogers 14,988. Harry T. Warner of Paris polled 4,391 votes in the counties heard from, and King 849.

The lieutenant governor's race was somewhat closer in these counties than that for governor. Mayfield had 14,207 votes; Davidson 11,384; Johnson 5858; Edmondson 4060; and Jamieson 2907. C. V. Terrell for State treasurer had 10,349, while his nearest opponent Barrett had 8329. Others for State treasurer, Carroll 4040; Christian 2644; Kerr 2835; Tennison 1951 and Kirgin 1408.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER: Mayfield was runing more than two to one, having 21,129 to Mason's 10,223 votes.

Robinson for commissioner of the land office had 16,605 to Thompson's 15,654.

Ed Bentley and Marrs were running close together for superintendent of public instruction. Bentley had 15,274; Marrs 13,487 and Smith 6300.

FOR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS: Morrow had 19,192; and Harper 13,345.

FOR COMPTROLLER: Smith had 16,975 and Woodall 14,208.

FOR CONGRESS, FROM THE SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT, THOMAS L. BLANTON, incumbent, according to meager and incomplte unofficial returns had 803; Oscar Calloway, his nearest opponent 487; while the others were W. J. Cuningham 268; J. B. Dibbrell Jr 192 and N. S. Holland 42.

In the first district, Congressman Eugene Black was trailing his opponent J. H. (Cyclone) Davis. Mr. Davis had 664 votes and Black 380.

FOURTH DISTRICT REPORTED: Rayburn (incumbent) 712; Westbrook 405.

Fifth district: Sumners (incumbent) 6055; Ballowe 1604.

Eighth district: Garrett (incumbent) 635; Maddox 85; Murphy 72.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT:
Connolly (incumbent) 172; Lewis 67.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT:
Williams (incumbent) 1184; Bell 168.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT:
Hertzberg 980; Cunningham 695; Bee 689; Harly 156; Hopkins 49; and Glover 85.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT:
Garner (incumbent) 655; Briscoe 233.

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Protestant Ticket Wins in Dallas

DALLAS, Texas, July 22.—Practically very candidate in Dallas county running on the Protestant ticket has been swept into office by the heaviest vote ever poled, it was indicated by incomplete returns at 10 o'clock tonight. The Protestant victory apparently will be a landslide. The only office that appears doubtful is that of district clerk, held by John Cullom, who is running for re-election. Mr. Cullom has a slight lead over his Klan opponent, J. H. Finks.

Partial and complete returns from 35 precincts give the Protestant candidates a lead of two to one. A local afternoon paper which has bitterly opposed the ticket throughout the campaign practically conceded a victory in an election extra early tonight. The paper declared that "a landslide for the Protestant candidates is indicated.

Highland Park, a fashionable residence section of Dallas, was one of

NEAR-RIOT STAGED WHEN J. A. FERGUSON ATTACKS KU KLUX

Montgomery Advertiser 8-22-22

(Associated Press)

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Aug. 21.—A near riot was quelled here tonight by Superintendent of Police Gordon Murphy when James E. Ferguson, candidate for the democratic nomination for United States Senator launched an attack against the Ku Klux Klan.

Ferguson had talked less than fifteen minutes and had launched an attack against his opponent, Earle B. Mayfield, when he hurled a defi at the Klan, declaring it was organized by a "bunch of political hi-jackers," with this half of the audience, which filled the city auditorium to capacity, arose and left the building.

One man was seriously injured in a fight which followed in the lobby of the building. He was struck on the head and is not expected to recover.

Practically the whole of main floor seats were deserted, and with hurrahs for Mayfield raised.

The confusion was so great that Ferguson stopped talking while the crowd of protestants worked their way out through the aisles. After 22 minutes Ferguson attempted to continue his speech, only to be interrupted again and again, until at last he demanded that the police give him the protection necessary to continue his address, hurling in the demand a defi at the Ku Klux Klan.

"I call upon the police, I call upon the sherif, I call upon the Ku Klux county—naming one of the Harris county judges, "for the right to speak."

With the confusion continuing Chief of Police Murphy mounted the rostrum and in a loud voice appealed to the crowd to "let the governor talk."

When the chief was recognized, the noise subsided and he repeated his request, with the result that a few minutes later Ferguson was able to resume..

His first words after being allowed to continue, was an attack upon the Houston police. He then spoke for an hour, devoting his entire time to an attack on the Ku Klux Klan, which he charged with being responsible for the confusion that had occurred.

REBUKE TO KU KLUX SEEN IN TEXAS VOTE

New York Times 8-29-22

Klan Opponents Have Big Majority of Victories in State and Local Fights.

Special to The New York Times.

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 28.—Forces opposed to the Ku Klux Klan regard the results of the Democratic primary election on Saturday as a victory for themselves, believing that ex-Governor James E. Ferguson was defeated because of his former record, and because of his opposition to the prohibition laws rather than that Earl B. Mayfield was elected because of his backing from the Klan. This contention is based on the fact that the anti-Klan candidates in the other races were victorious.

Nowhere did Ferguson pole the anti-Klan strength. Even in West and Southwest Texas, where he was counting on an immense following, his support failed to measure up to expectations.

Much interest is now centred in John H. Kirby, prominent lumberman, who at present is in New York City. Kirby's friends have attempted to have him announce his candidacy for the United States Senate as an Independent Democrat, and if he does so the Republicans have practically agreed to withdraw their canridate and throw their strength to him.

The defeat administered by T. W. Davidson to Colonel Billie Mayfield of Houston in the race for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor was significant. Billie Mayfield is a strong Klansman, and the editor of a weekly newspaper which defends the Klan. He was nowhere able to keep up with his ticket, even in Harris County, his home, where he led Davidson by scarcely 900 votes, while Earl Mayfield led Ferguson by about 5,000.

C. V. Terrell, the incumbent, won his race for State Treasurer handily, having a comfortable lead over George Garrett of Dallas, the choice of the Klan. The race for State Superintendent was somewhat close, but late returns indicate clearly that S. M. N. Marrs, anti-Klansman, wins over E. R. Bentley.

Among the lesser races of interest, because of their Klan tinge, were State Senator Harry Hertzberg's defeat of John H. Cunningham for Congress in the Fourteenth (San Antonio) District, Robertson's victory over Vann in the contest for Sheriff of Cameron County and Shelby M. Cox's victory over Hughes for District Attorney of Dallas County. These three contests were fought out on a straight Klan issue. Two anti-Klan candidates, Hertzberg and Robertson, and one Klan candidate, Cox, were returned as winners.

It is estimated that the total vote in the State will approximate 550,000, as against a maximum of 618,000 in the July 22 primary in the race for Governor. This is an abnormally large vote for a run-off primary, but it is accounted for by the extraordinary interest thrown into the campaign by the Ku Klux Klan issue.

341 Klansmen Initiated Into Order at Jouquin

Houston Post 8-24-22

JOAQUIN, Texas, Aug. 23.—Joaquin Ku Klux Klan held an open air initiation here Tuesday night, taking into the Invisible Empire 341 candidates. The crowd was estimated at 6000 people and 1200 automobiles.

MAYFIELD'S MAJORITY PLACED NEAR 60,000

Defeats Ferguson in Texas Senatorial Race.

Commercial Appeal Memphis, Tenn.

KLAN LOSES TWO RACES

Helps Nominate Mayfield for Senate, But Fails to Win Fight for Important State Offices in Saturday's Run-Off. 8-28-'22

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 27.—The lead of Carl B. Mayfield, railroad commissioner, in the primary election yesterday for Democratic nomination for United States senator was reduced to 59,991 by returns that came in today, the report of the Texas election bureau shows. Mayfield's opponent is former Gov. James E. Ferguson. Mayfield is said to be the Ku Klux Klan candidate.

The vote stood, Mayfield, 282,043; Ferguson, 222,052.

This count was from 215 counties, including complete returns from 49.

In the lieutenant governor's race T. W. Davidson is leading Col. Willie Mayfield, Jr., supposedly klan candidate, by 86,369 votes, tonight's report showed. The vote is Davidson 277,934, Mayfield 191,565. S. V. Terrell is leading George B. Garrett, said to have the klan indorsement for state treasurer, by 61,388. The vote is Terrell, 256,615; Garrett, 195,227.

S. M. N. Marrs is leading Ed R. Bentley, also said to have the klan support, by 12,010 votes in the race for state superintendent of public education. The vote is Marrs 237,678, Bentley 225,668.

The Texas election bureau announced that this count is the last one that will be announced until the final count is made, which will probably be about the middle of the week. The officials expect 50,000 or 60,000 additional votes to come in.

Klu Klux Klan—1922.

Texas Anti-Ku Klux Klan Political Party Planned

Houston Post
9-7-22

Associated Press Report.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 6.—Organization of a Texas Anti-Ku Klux Klan political party will be perfected within 10 days as a result of the refusal of the democratic State convention, which closed here Wednesday, to adopt a resolution opposing the klan organization, it was announced Wednesday night following a meeting of democratic anti-klan leaders. Call for an anti-Ku Klux Klan convention to be held in Dallas will be sent out Thursday.

To further the cause of the anti-klan party, Dr. E. P. Wilmot of Austin, republican nominee for United States senator, will decline the republican nomination in an announcement Thursday, according to a statement by R. B. Creagor, republican State chairman. Chairman Creagor, Dr. Wilmot, and C. E. Linz of Dallas, republican State secretary, were in conference here Wednesday. The meeting of the republican State executive committee, scheduled to be held here Thursday, will not be held, according to Creagor.

The anti-klan movement will include members of the democratic party who are oposed to the klan body and members of the Texas republican party, which already has declared against the secret organization, it was said. The chief work of the new party in the coming election will be the nomination of a candidate for United States senator to oppose Earle B. Mayfield, democratic nominee, and said to be supported by the Ku Klux Klan tomorrow, it was stated. To further the cause of the anti-klan party, Dr. E. P. Wilmot of Austin, Aepublican nominee for United States senator, will decline the Republican nomination in an announcement tomorrow, according to a statement here tonight by R. B. Creagor, Republican state chairman. The meeting of the Republican state executive committee scheduled to be held here tomorrow will not be held, according to Creagor.

Includes Both Parties.

The anti-klan movement will include members of the Democratic party who are opposed to the klan as a body and members of the Texas Republican party, which has already declared against the secret organization, it was said. The chief work of the new party in the coming election will be nomination of a candidate for United States senator to oppose Earle B. Mayfield, Democratic nominee, and said to be supported by the Ku Klux Klan.

By a decisive vote of 691 to 125 the Texas Democratic state convention late today rejected minority reports openly denouncing the Ku Klux Klan and its activities.

The convention went into an uproar when an attempt was made to discuss the anti-klan proposal and a motion to table the report followed immediately. An attempt to present resolutions to the convention from the floor opposing the klan in milder language than the minority report, was unsuccessful and immediately following rejection of the klan "plank" the majority report was adopted and returned.

The platform adopted by the convention contains no declaration on the klan. The only provision in this direction declares in favor of "freedom of conscience and the separation of church and state."

Shouts and continued noise accompanied the roll call vote on the motion to table the minority report. Ballots were often contested by opposing factions, and expressions for and against the klan accompanied reports from the counties.

Declarations that the Democratic party in Texas is a "white man's" party and upholding the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively, were the principal statements contained in the platform.

Other planks as recommended by the platform committee include: Indorsement of Gov. Neff's administration.

Indorsement of the Wilson administration.

Allegiance to prohibition; regulation of vessels on high seas; state laws for more stringent prohibition enforcement.

Allegiance to tariff for revenue only.

Upholding right of states to control intrastate commerce; demand for repeal Esch-Cummins transportation act.

Indorsement of Sheppard Towner bill and legislation to give Texas full benefits of act.

ANTI-KU KLUX PARTY LAUNCHED BY TEXANS

Will Put Out Candidate to Oppose Mayfield.

Commercial Appeal
Memphis Tenn.

NON-PARTISAN MOVEMENT

Republicans Join With Anti-Klan Democrats, When State Convention Fails to Adopt Resolution Denouncing "Invisible Empire."

9-7-22

(By the Associated Press.)

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A call for an anti-klan convention, to be held in Dallas will be sent out

Texas

Rouge Kidnaping.

Memphis Tenn.
9-9-22

MONROE, La., Sept. 8.—John McIlwain, a resident of Mer Rouge, today refused to testify before the Moorhouse Parish special grand jury at Bastrop, La., investigating the alleged kidnaping and beating of five residents of Mer Rouge, because, he said a member of the grand jury was a member of the mob which committed the crime.

McIlwain told a representative of the New Orleans Item that was his reason for refusing to testify before the grand jury. He said he told the grand jury so. Members of the grand jury and David Garrett, district attorney, declined to comment on McIlwain's statement.

While the grand jury investigation of the kidnaping continues, two of the victims of the affair are still missing. They are Wat Daniels, 32 years old, a motor mechanic, and son of a wealthy planter, and Samuel Richardson, 32, father of two children. Nothing can be learned as to their whereabouts, though varying reports are that the two men are prisoners and that they have been killed.

According to the story alleged to have been told to the grand jury, a mob, most of the members of which wore black masks, carried off the five residents of Mer Rouge at night some weeks ago, released one, beat two and left them bound, and disappeared into the forest with Daniels and Richardson, who have not been seen since.

Texas Republicans To Join New Party Against Ku Klux

Galveston Tribune

San Antonio, September 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—That the Texas republican party will join in the movement started here last night by anti-Ku Klux Klan members of the democratic convention to organize a Texas anti-klan political party, was decided by R. B. Creager, republican state chairman, in a statement today.

TEXAS WOMEN ASSUME ROLE OF FLOGGERS

Montgomery Advertiser
9-12-22

(Associated Press)

FORT WORTH, TEX., Sept. 12.—Decoyed into an automobile by four women, Mrs. I. C. Tatum, 44, a resident of Stop Six, Dallas Pike, was taken from her home tonight, driven several miles and 100 lashes were administered with instruments Mrs. Tatum describes as straps with balls on the end. The women described themselves as a committee of four of the "Ladies of the Invisible Eye."

CLAIMS MOB MEMBER WAS ON GRAND JURY

Commercial Appeal

New Mystery Develops in Mer

Democrats Block Move Of Anti-Klan Faction; Neff, Mayfield Hailed

Convention Adjourns Sine Die After Adopting Platform—Fordney-McCumber Tariff, Esch-Cummins Act Denounced—Party to Back Prohibition.

Houston Post
9-7-22

Houston Post Special.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 6.—Adoption of a platform condemning the present republican administration and its proposed Fordney-McCumber tariff, denouncing the Esch-Cummins transportation act and committing the praty to a strict enforcement of prohibition laws, and formal nomination of Earle B. Mayfield for the United States senate, Governor Pat M. Neff for that office and State Senator T. W. Davidson for lieutenant governor concluded the work of the State democratic convention, which adjourned sine die at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Efforts of a minority of the platform committee to split the convention on the Ku Klux Klan issue failed when the motion to table the report brought in by them attacking the klan was carried by the overwhelming majority of 691 1-2 to 135 1-4 votes. State Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston presented the minority report. The motion to table was moved by John M. Mathis of Harris county.

KLAN INITIATION HELD NEAR HUMBLE

The Houston Post

With a great fiery cross blazing in the prairie, a mile off the road, with white-robed figures—nobody could tell how many of them—and with the highway lined with automobiles filled with spectators and with acres of the prairie covered by automobiles in which participants came, an open air Ku Klux Klan initiation was held a mile and a half from Humble, just off the Houston-Humble road, Tuesday night.

For hours before the time for the initiation, the cars began converging at Humble. There was a stream of them from Houston. They came from towns in all other directions from the little oil field city. As they approached the initiation grounds, white-robed figures directed them onto the prairie, where they were parked and their occupants wandered off toward the flaming cross.

Spectators on the road could see the white-robed figures going through the initiatory exercises and after the initiation was over the crowd was gathered around long barbecue tables for a big feast that followed.

WOMAN GIVEN 100 LASHES

"Ladies of the Invisible Eye" Refuse to Hear Defense.

Commercial Appeal

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 13.—Ladies of the Invisible Eye, members of which whipped Mrs. I. C. Tatum within an inch of her life last night, is regarded through this territory as the auxiliary of the Ku-Klux Klan and according to rumor will be recognized officially as such some time next month. The "ladies" are strongly organized in Texas and Oklahoma. The plan was outlined last January by E. Y. Clarke, acting wizard himself, while visiting Texas. He said the women of the auxiliary would be employed chiefly as rumor spreaders and alarm givers for the members of the klan. The whipping of Mrs. Tatum was the first of its kind by the new organization; in fact the note left at a newspaper office and proclaiming that the flogging was the act of the Ladies of the Invisible Eye, was the first evidence that the public had of the existence of the organization.

Mrs. Tatum today accuses "members of the lady Ku-Klux" of whipping her. One man accompanied the women floggers who punished Mrs. Tatum. She was called from her cottage late at night with the report that her 14-year-old adopted daughter was ill and was calling for her.

When she stepped out handcuffs were snapped on her wrists, she was hurled into an auto, hurried to the river bottoms, where other women and other men met them and witnessed the whippingfi, which consisted of 100 lashes on the back, shoulders and hips. Before the "punishment" was administered Mrs. Tatum was asked many questions about the treatment of her adopted child and was accused of not caring for the girl's morals, but, according to the woman, she was not permitted to answer the accusations. Each time she opened her mouth to reply she was told to "shut up," that she was not telling the truth.

On the way back home Mrs. Tatum was asked by her assailants if she knew who they were. She replied they were "lady Ku-Klux." The women in the car told her they were members of a new, powerful secret society, but gave her no name.

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TEXAS AND THE K. K. K.

Texas is now suffering from an overdose of over indulgence in lawlessness. The Ku Klux Klan has that state just where it is trying to get all other states in the Union.

The "awakening" of a class of citizens trying to wrest the power from the Ku Klux at this late hour we fear is futile. The time to stamp out an evil is while it is young. Wait until it is strong and it will almost destroy a government to get rid of it.

The Klan is a lawless organization. It is opposed to the regular constituted authorities of the State and Nation. Therefore it is the duty of the several states to rise in the might of the government, and stamp out the lawless government which is fast taking hold by feeding on race and religious prejudices.

Woman Is Flogged By Other Women Near Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas, September 13. Mrs. I. C. Tatum, of Stop Six, Dallas interurban, who was decoyed from her home late last night and given 100 lashes with a cat o'nine tail by four women this morning was in a serious condition. Her body is a mass of bruises, according to her aunt, Mrs. Jane Floyd.

The whipping was given by a "committee of four" of the "ladies invisible eye."

A communication addressed to the newspapers stated that the whipping was administered for alleged "ruining of her daughter," Naomi Tatum, 14.

Decoyed Into Auto.

Mrs. Tatum, according to Mrs. Floyd, was decoyed into an automobile occupied by four women and a man, who acted as driver, under the pretext of being taken to see her daughter who has been missing.

No threats of any kind had been received by Mrs. Tatum prior to the occurrence last night. One of the women who whipped her told Mrs. Tatum they were from Dallas and accused her of "ruining her daughter."

One of the women was masked, Mrs. Tatum said.

"Mrs. Tatum has had some little trouble but none that would merit such treatment," Mrs. Floyd said. "Several women of her church have asked that the daughter, Naomi Tatum, be educated by the church. This Mrs. Tatum objected to. She and her husband have had a little trouble over the girl but it has happened only when the mother whipped the daughter."

Mass of Bruises.

"Tuesday night an automobile driven by a man and occupied by four women drove up in front of the house and two of the women got out. They told Mrs. Tatum that they would take her to her daughter," Mrs. Floyd said.

"When she got in the car and they had driven a short distance the women told her they were members of a secret society from Dallas and accused her of ruining her daughter and that as Tarrant county women would not act, they would show her Dallas women will."

"She was then taken to a point several miles away and while the driver of the automobile held his hand over her mouth, the women beat her with a long leather object that felt as though it had iron balls on the end. Her skin is not broken, but her body is a mass of bruises.

ANTI-KLAN PARTY WILL BE DENIED NAME ON TICKET

Time Limit For Nomination of Candidate Has Expired

Houston Post Special.

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 13.—Earle B. Mayfield's name will stand unopposed as candidate for the United States senate in the November general election if Texas laws are followed, it was discovered by a prominent Austin lawyer Wednesday, following an opinion given by Attorney General Keeling to interested persons at Dallas concerning eligibility of candidates.

No candidate may now legally be entered for the general election by the republican party or by any independent party, it was asserted, the Terrell election law being cited as the authority.

Action of the so-called anti-Klan party or of the republican party in naming a candidate next Saturday will have no effect in making legal the placing of the nominee of the November general election ballot, it is claimed.

Two reasons are claimed to keep any opponent of Mayfeld off the ticket.

The first is that the election law requires senatorial candidates to be nominated by a primary election. The republican party failed to hold a primary, and Dr. E. P. Wilmot refused to accept the convention nomination because he knew it was illegal, it is claimed. The time for holding primaries has passed, and action of the so-called anti-Klan party next Saturday will not comply with the law, it was asserted.

The second reason is that an independent candidate may be placed on the ballot only when 10 per cent of voters in the preceeding election petition for his name. This would require 48,000 signatures, each sworn to before a notary public, before the time limit, September 25, expires, it was pointed out.

Attorney General Keeling's ruling made it a physical impossibility to secure 48,000 sworn names to a petition within the next 11 days, when he advised North Texas men interested in the anti-klan party that, "an independent candidate who voted in either of preceding primaries could not have his name printed on official ballot at general election as independent candidate."

No voter who voted in either democratic primaries could sign such a petition. it is held. Consequently, persons securing the petition would have to find 48,000 persons who are poll tax payers, and who would swear before a notary they voted in neither democratic primary. Such a task, it was claimed is impossible to be performed in 11 days.

It is believed Henry D. Lindsley, of Dallas, was under consideration as the possible candidate, when Attorney General Keeling was asked whether a man who voted in either democratic primary could legally be the candidate. His ruling that the law prohibited such a man from being the candidate, is believed will eliminate all persons who were in the democratic organization until the bolt at the close of the democratic convention in San Antonio.

TEXAS REPUBS PLAN PLACING ANTI-KLAN CANDIDATE IN RACE

(Associated Press)

DALLAS, TEX., Sept. 15.—Approximately sixty leading republicans of the state in informal caucus today decided unanimously in favor of "filling a vacancy in the republican United States senatorial ticket by acceptance of an anti-Ku Klux Klan democrat or independent candidate," according to R. B. Creager, of Brownsville, chairman of the republican state executive committee.

The republican executive committee will meet tomorrow at Mr. Creager's temporary headquarters here at the same time that the anti-Ku Klux Klan democrats are meeting to select a candidate to oppose Earle B. Mayfield, democratic nominee for the United States senate.

The republicans, however, will adjourn immediately on convening, obviously to await action of the anti-klan mass meeting.

Judge Barry Miller, following a preliminary meeting of anti-klan democratic leaders, announced that he would call the meeting to order tomorrow and that former Congressman Joe Eagle of Houston, would be chairman.

Delegations were arriving tonight for the meeting. A number of women will also be present, Judge Miller said.

Louisiana Mayor Threatened, He Says

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 14.—Mayor Robert Dade, of Mer Rouge, La., announced Thursday that he recently had received several letters threatening him with death unless he leaves the community. The last of these letters, received Tuesday, is said to have been dated Rayville, La.

The letters to Mayor Dade followed the kidnaping recently by a masked mob of five Morehouse Paris citizens, two of whom are still missing.

In a statement Governor Parker said:

"The laws of Louisiana must and will be enforced, irrespective of persons."

He added that state troops will be called out if necessary.

Women Assist in Public Initiation of Brenham Klan

BRENHAM, Texas, Oct. 13.—At a public ceremony held on the court house square and witnessed by many, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan initiated 22 candidates with the degree team from Taylor officiating.

Music was furnished during the ceremony by Mrs. A. C. Becker, who sang a solo, and several other ladies. After the initiation coffee and sandwiches were served in the klan hall. About 200 robed klansmen participated in the ceremony. A number of ladies met in the sheriff's office to plan organization of the Order of American Women of the World.

ADOPTS ALIEN POLICY.

Ku Klux to "Force" Naturalization, Announces Texas Klan.

LONGVIEW, Tex., Oct. 7.—The Ku Klux Klan will "force, if necessary," the naturalization of every unnaturalized alien in the United States, according to a resolution adopted today by the Gregg County klan, No. 77, and which, it is said, was submitted to the consideration of every klan organization in the United States.

The resolution declares "that many aliens come to this country for the sole purpose of gaining wealth, and, therefore, their presence is undesirable."

KLAN PLANS ANSWER TO NEW YORK MAYOR

Public Addresses Will Be Made There by Lecturers of Order.

Dallas, Texas, December 2.—Dr. H. W. Evans, of Atlanta, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, outlining the policies of the klan here today, said the challenge to klansmen by Mayor Hylan, of New York, would be answered by sending a number of leaders of the organization to New York to make public addresses.

He criticized Governor Allen, of Kansas, and said the attitude of the Kansas executive was unjust, and therefore his efforts to oust the organization from that state would be unsuccessful. Some eastern newspapers opposed to the klan have attacked Governor Allen's efforts to exile klan leaders, Dr. Evans said.

Craig Not Klansman.

Kansas City, December 2.—Dr. John Freeman Craig, said in dispatches from Kansas City last night to be an accredited lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan who had challenged Governor Allen of Kansas to a debate on the klan, has no connection with the klan organization, it was stated at national headquarters here today. It was stated at the office of the chief of staff that Craig has been using the name of "Chief White Eagle," and claiming previous connection with some klan in Oklahoma or Kansas, but he has no authority to lecture for the Ku Klux Klan.

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country, this defendant has no sufficient information upon which to base and make answer.

"By way of further answer to complainants' repeated charges that he had never arrested any of the persons who committed the unlawful acts alleged, defendant says that he, after having made as thorough investigation as possible in order to discover, know and arrest the said guilty persons, he failed to do so; that as three or four different grand juries selected, sworn and empaneled from the body of this county, investigated said matters and failed to find and return any bill of indictment against any one for the perpetration of said deeds; and defendant having no capias or warrant, and said complainants and all others having failed to make and present any sworn complaint against such offending parties, and he having no authority to arrest any one on suspicion, accounts for his failure to do so; but he says that he is now, and has ever been, anxious, ready and willing to execute any warrant of arrest, or apprehend, imprison, and use his best efforts to convict any person or persons in the State of Texas against whom complainants or any other person will make affidavit, charging the perpetrators of acts of lawlessness referred to in said petition; but that he can not and will not of his own volition and merely on suspicion, arrest, disgrace and oppress any citizen of this State, however, humble he may be, and however censured and slandered he may be by notoriety seekers and newspapers, unless complainants or some other person will swear out a complaint, according to law, designating such party or parties who may be guilty, or probably guilty. That complainants, their sympathizers, aiders and abettors, not only have equal power with him, but are equally bound as dutiful citizens to make such complaint, if they know said guilty parties.

"For further answer herein, defendant avers, and challenges complainants to prove the contrary, that he is now and has ever been, during his six years tenure of office, a good, true and faithful sheriff under the constitution and laws of this State, and has behaved and conducted himself as such, as so among his neighbors as well as others, he is well known and reputed.

Charges Conspiracy.

Yet this defendant, on information and belief, would show that complainants, F. D. Minor, W. D. Gordon, H. P. Barry and J. Cooke Wilson, together with E. A. McDowell and the Beaumont Enterprise Publishing company, and other various and sundry persons in the city of Beaumont, all acting with a common purpose, design and intent, have wickedly and maliciously conspired together to take from defendant his office, entrusted to him by the people, to blast and destroy his reputation and standing in this community, by making and publishing false, prejudicial and unjust charges against him, thus holding him up to the derision and contempt of the world; regardless of his just rights, comfort and welfare, because, forsooth, they hope by such means to force the disbandment and dissolution of the Ku Wlux Klan, which they allege is a criminal organization operating in this county, and that defendant is a member thereof; and defendant further says on information and belief that to this end said conspirators, through and with the aid of the Beaumont Enterprise, commenced months before the institution of this suit, to alarm and poison the minds of the people and inflame their prejudices against the Ku Klux Klan, by daily pouring out to the public, false statements, suspicions, vitriolic invective and vituperation upon said order of which they said defendant was a member; but never designating or filing, as required by law, any complaint against said order, or any of the members thereof, or giving defendant, as sheriff, any sufficient evidence upon which to warrant an arrest, or justify a prosecution of any one.

"That, on information and belief, defendant says that complainants hope that by prejudicing the people, from among whom the jury to try defendant will be taken, and by filing their said charges in the court presided over by the said E. A. McDowell, who had already prejudged defendant and declare all Ku Klux guilty criminals woul thereby prevent defendant from having a fair and impartial trial. That by reason of the previous conduct declarations and prosecution of the said McDowell against the Ku Klux Klan, the said McDowell should be held, and is, disqualified to sit in judgment on trial of this case; that he has not only privately charged defendant with being a Ku Klux, repeatedly, publicly and privately, but has so charged it to others and has met and has consulted with complainants concerning this case. That he has continuously and repeatedly, from the bench and in the presence of throngs of people, made and delivered prejudicial and inflammatory statements, as follows, to-wit: On April 3, 1922, the sai E. A. McDowell in his address to the grand jury and others said:

"Any man who now is a member of the Ku Klux Klan is by that act a criminal."

And again:

"Any man who is or was a member of the Ku Klux Klan or in sympathy with its purposes is permitted to leave the jury box without declaring his affiliation," saying, "I want no such person on this jury."

And again:

"Remember, gentlemen, that the Ku Klux oath requires that all members protect one another from every sort of offense save the commission of such crimes as murder, treason, arson and rape. If a brother member is under investigation for any other felony save these, all loyal Ku Klux are compelled by their oath to protect him."

Which said oath does not so require, as shown by it as set forth in complainants' petition.

And again:

"Two hundred odd crimes have been committed in the name of the Ku Klux Klan * * * whether they committed the crimes or didn't, they are morally guilty * * * They thrust at everything holy in this country. So far as I am concerned, I defy them(and I say, 'Lay on MacDuff and damned be he who first cries, 'Out, enough,' * * * I am marked for slaughter, I have not been without the threat. They figured on sending a bunch from another town to attend to me. * * * I don't want to kill anybody. But if ever one of those fellows (and (and I know a bunch of them) acts suspicous around me, I'm going to kill him. * * * I know a bunch of them that went from this town to Sour Lake the night that poor fellow was tarred and feathered. They are also guilty of conspiracy to commit a felony. * * * It has come to me that officers belong to this order. If you find evidence leading to an officer, a sworn officer, follow him until you get him. Every member of the klan is gilty."

And defendant avers that a great many other declarations of the same character have been repeatedly made by the said McDowell; that the Beaumont Enterprise of about April 3 published the said McDowell's said speech, accompanied by a prejudicial comment and filling two columns or more of said newspaper; that the said McDowell's photograph was also inserted in the same paper with the said speech.

Other Accusations.

"And that many other inflammatory, prejudicial and unjust accusations and charges were made by the said A. E. McDowell, not only in open court, but in his private and social intercourse with various and sundry persons throughout the city of Beaumont; and thus, without any evidence, he misjudged, prejudged and condemned the said Ku Klux Klan and this defendand; ant defendant, on information and belief, alleges that the said E. A. McDowell held conference with and advised the said co-conspirators as to the course to pursue in the institution and handling of these proceedings.

"That in pursuance of the said common purpose, complainants thereafter, on or about the 26th day of April, 1922, filed in the Sixtieth district court, presided over by the said E. A. McDowell, as aforesaid, their petition herein against this defendant, consisting of about eight pages of violently abusive and inflammatory language, arraigning the Ku Klux Klan as a criminal organization, organized for the purpose of violating the laws of the land, and charging the defendant with being a member thereof,, showing, in effect, by their own admissions therein that they had no evidence, but that they simply believed on information furnished by themselves that defendant had, in violation of his oath of office, transferred his allegiance from the government of this State to the Ku Klux organization and to its founder; alleging that after an applicant had been initiated into said order, he was accounted then worthy of participating in the criminal activities thereof, and was to be protected by his fellow members through false swearing, etc.; alleging that its object continues to be to assume the right to accuse, try, condemn and punish ex parte and in secret any American citizen, not a member thereof, for any offense, whether it be against the law or not; that said organization was hostile to the bill of rights, constitution and laws of this country; that said defendant, after becoming a member thereof, conspired with, helped, aided, abetted and acquiesced in the action of said Ku Klux Klan in whipping, tarring, feathering and maltreating Dr. Paul and various other citizens mentioned in said petition; that he prompted, permitted and directed his deputy sheriffs to also join in the perpetration of said outrages, etc., as more fully set out in said petition; and all of which allegations, defendant says, are basely false.

"That in order to further alarm, inflame and prejudice the public mind against defendant, said petition sets forth what is purported to be the obligation, or part of the obligation and oath, of the Ku Klux Klan, and then its allegations proceed to pervert, misconstrue and misinterpret the plain provisions of said oath and to draw improper and untrue conclusions therefrom, in order to injure defendant, by assuming and repeatedly intimating that he is a member of such criminal order and a participant in their crimes.

Legality of Petition

"That complainants then in the concluding part of their said petition admitted that such serious charges were based only upon information, furnished and believed by themselves, which defendant says is but tantamount to a mere suspicion, and to their own prejudicial belief; that they so swore to the same; that although they well knew, or should have known that said petition was illegal, could not and would not stand in court upon a general demurrer, they caused citation to be issued thereon, propounded 73 insinuating and insulting questions to defendant, issued notices that they would thereafter take verbal depositions of about 17 good citizens of this county, thereby intending, as defendant believes, to brow-beat and unnecessarily question said citizens before a notary public with the hope and purpose of creating the impression that said citizens were members and conspirators in a criminal organization, and that defendant verily believes, and on information so alleges, that complainants, well knowing at the time they inserted said prejudicial charges in said petition, and drew said interrogatories, and said notice of their taking, that said charges were not even probably true, and without evidence obtainable with which to support them, they intended to and did publish the same, contrary to all court usage and practice, in order to so alarm the public mind, and prejudice the people as to render defendant a convicted felon, perjurer, traitor, a secret enemy to his neighbors, disloyal to his government, flag and country.

"That the Beaumont Enterprise then, after the preparation of such papers, proceeded in the performance of its part of this conspiracy, by promptly publishing all of them, and accompanying such publication with a fiery spech by the said F. D. Minor, all unsupported by any evidence except what sprang out of their own hearts. That said complainants' petition, interrogatories, harangues in court and out of court, and under their published comments and vile insinuations, say that T. H. Garner is a criminal, because they say he belongs to the Ku Klux and that they are all criminals, thus unfairly forcing defendant to either betray all the alleged sins of the Ku Klux or show they haven't any.

Concerning Klan Oath

"So complainants thunder in the newspapers and from the bench, in effect, that said oath is a very vile, bloody obligation, and showing that the Ku Klux organization is a conspiracy of criminals, etc., and this defendant would pray tha said complainants more particularly point out wherein said oath, which they set forth in their petition, indicates criminality on the part of the Ku Klux. That is to say, said purported oath begins by saying that the members of said Klan shall faithfully obey the constitution and laws, conform to the regulations and requirements of said knights, render respect and support to the Imperial authority of said Klan, etc.; now, defendant would ask complainants, where is the criminality in these pledges? Do not applicants to join other secret societies take oaths, equally as drastic, to obey their preiding officers, comply with the regulations and keep secret the grip, password and other things in said society, or club? Said purported oath also provides that the members of said organization shall not, by bribery, flattery, threats, etc., be induced to divulge the secrets or information of said knights, just as do the obligations taken in almost every secret society; that said purported oath required said members to recommend no one for membership unless he is sound of mind, and irreproachable in character and reputation, defendant would ask if to so promise and swear evidences the criminality of said members or their order?

"Defendant further says that complaints having charged in their petition that according to the purported oath which they therein set out, defendant, if he be a Ku Klux, he swapped, as it were, his allegiance to the government and constitution of Texas for the superior allegiance to the Ku Klux Klan. Therefore, defendant asks why they omitted from their purported oath the following clause thereof, which they failed to insert in their petition and present to the public, to-wit:

"I most to the government of the firm that to the government of the United States of America and any state thereof of which I may become a resident, I sacredly swear an unqualified allegiance above any other and every kind of government in the whole world and I here and now pledge my life, my property, my vote and my sacred honor to uphold its flag, its constitution and constitutional laws and will protect, defend and enforce same unto death."

Defendant submits that the foregoing clause flatly belies their statement that he took a superior oath of allegiance to the Klan:

Oaths of Other Orders.

"In strange contrast is the above oath to a clause in the purported oath of the Knights of Columbus, providing as follows:

"I now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, and protestant or liberals, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers."

* * *

"I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver, but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ, etc."

That this defendant means no dis-

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The Klan in Texas

THE New York World is quoted by the Searchlight of Atlanta as "chortling" to the effect that "now that the mask has been torn from the Ku Klux Klan, it has ceased to be a menace." In this county seat in the interior of Texas where I have been spending a week the Klan seems to be considered a very serious menace indeed—to evildoers. I am still rubbing my eyes and questioning my ears. This is surely not the same fantastic embodiment of anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Negro, anti-labor prejudice which I have read about, the masked hundred percenters who are so free with whips and tar and feathers or worse, whose lawless methods have become proverbial.

My first shock came in Atlanta, when the Sunday Constitution had a full-page special-feature article on the new university—the enlarged Lanier—which is to eclipse Harvard and Yale. Text and illustrations were all presented with every appearance of seriousness. Atlanta—if one may judge from the treatment accorded by the leading newspaper to its educational project—does not consider the Klan a menace or a joke, but an institution, like the Elks, the Salvation Army, or any other. My next jolt came when a student in this Texas town, who bears a distinguished name and is earning his way through college by work in the hotel, came to my room for a long evening talk, in the course of which he launched into a warm eulogy of the Ku Klux Klan. He is not a member, but that is only because a certain girl whose opinions are important to him had vetoed it. She felt so strongly about it that he could hardly even discuss the matter with her; but he discussed it with me.

The Klan, this ardent college youth insists, is not against Negroes but in their interest, not against Catholics but only for Protestantism—as the Knights of Columbus are for their religion. It is for one hundred per cent Americanism, for law and order, and for white supremacy. He admitted that it sometimes upholds law and order by extra-legal means. He knew of the cases in Houston; for example, the tarring of a doctor who was known to be guilty of criminal practices. What the boy insisted upon was that the doctor was guilty, that he was a menace, and that the Klan rid the city of his presence and his practices when the authorities by their milder measures had failed to do so. Law and order, as he sees it, means not overscrupulous observance of the forms of justice, but making the law-breakers quit or get out—or, more accurately, quit and get out; not squeamishness about the legal rights of guilty defendants, but unceremonious and drastic "cleaning up" of the community. I tried to do my duty toward correcting this inadequate view of justice, but I think I succeeded only in making my young friend regret that we had got on a subject of so controversial a character when he was sincerely eager to get help on questions of greater importance.

In order to find out whether the young woman who restrained this student from joining the Klan was representative of the student body, two questions were put to the girls whose classes happened to be in session. Forty-four answered the questions—in writing, and not giving their names. The first question was: Are you in sympathy with the Ku Klux Klan? The second: Would you be willing to have your father or brother join it? While my young friend was neither the brother nor the father of the one who had entered the objection in this instance, it seemed better to formulate the inquiry in this way. Both questions were answered in the negative by eighteen of the girls; in the affirmative by twenty-six. Thus in this small group, which there seems to be no reason to consider exceptional, the Klan wins by a ratio of nearly three to two.

It began to seem to me important to understand the point of view of this southern community. I therefore sounded next the Methodist minister. "I understand," I remarked casually, "that some very good people get into the Ku Klux Klan in these parts." "The very best people get into it," he replied emphatically. The good doctor who said this is not a bigot. In several conversations I was impressed by his tolerant, vigorous thought. He is active in the inter-racial commission. He neither condemned nor advocated the Klan, but with discrimination expressed both his doubts and his appreciation of some of their acts. He is deeply distressed by the lawlessness of the time. He thinks that the intention of the Klan is to combat lawlessness, and that—in this region, at least—its ordinary method is to try to secure the election of capable and honest officials and to cooperate with them in furnishing evidence of criminal acts. Assaults by white men on colored women are, he thinks, dealt with as drastically as any other offenses. "Bootlegging" is the particular crime which is most widespread, and in suppressing which anonymous informers are *most useful*. Here in Texas, in short, law and order means at present, more than any other one thing, hostility to moonshine distillers and other violators of the prohibition laws.

I had a whole afternoon of serious talk with half a dozen men of the faculty of a school for the training of teachers. We talked about the race question and the Ku Klux Klan. All these men are southern in ancestry, birth, education and life-long residence. They are in sympathy with efforts to improve racial cooperation. They are taking part in them persistently. They would no doubt subscribe to the shibboleth of white supremacy, but they would narrow its meaning in practice in such a way as to make it comparatively unobjectionable to self-respecting Negroes. They are for equal justice in the courts and in economic relations; for better schools for the colored, for better accommodations on railways. They sympathize with the efforts of Negroes to protect the sanctity of their homes, and with all well-considered measures to protect and elevate the standing of living of either race.

What these gentlemen, whom I came to know well enough to call them personal friends, had to say about the mysterious organization is no doubt as fair an estimate as one will find. They are confident that stories of lawless acts by the Klan published in northern newspapers are exaggerated; that hereabouts, at least, it does not represent anti-Jewish prejudice nor anti-Catholic bigotry nor antagonism to Negroes; that it is not hostile to labor; that it does represent a strong determination to prevent cohabitation and promiscuous intimacy between whites and blacks, and that this is as much in the interest of the black race as of the white race; that its main purpose, however, is to inculcate a wholesome respect for law and order, including the laws against "bootlegging" and gambling. They deplore the use, by members of the Ku Klux Klan or anybody else, of unlawful or extra-legal means of upholding law and order; but they think that even now these are not often resorted to, and that even sporadic cases are less likely to occur in the future. They consider that one of the speedy means to promote the enforcement of law lies in breaking down the custom of claiming exemption from jury duty which now prevails among the best citizens. The Ku Klux Klan seems to be bringing effective pressure on the citizenship of the South at this point.

I had, finally, an interview with one representative business man, who was so well informed and so outspoken in his advocacy as to leave little doubt of his active membership. In his eyes it is a righteous crusade. It makes no mistakes. It will use whatever means are necessary. If it can secure the election of men in sympathy with its aims, enforcement can then safely be left to them. But if not, what can you do? He is against hanging and burning Negroes. It is not effective. For the unmentionable crime he would resort to other remedies, which he thinks would be more effective, and which apparently he would be equally ready to apply to white offenders.

respect to the Knights of Columbus or impugns their loyalty in any way whatsoever. Nor does he impugn the Catholic church, although under its creed, it acknowledges supreme allegiance to the Pope of Rome, and yet, defendant would ask, have the Knights of Columbus or the members of the Catholic church ever, from the foundation of our government, been disloyal to their country? Have their said religious obligations ever caused them to falter in their patriotism and fidelity to the land of the free and the home of the brave? Were they not alike with protestants at Valley Forge, New Orleans, Buena Vista, San Juan, Gettysburg, Manassas and Appomattox, and in all the conflicts for the establishment and preservation of Americanism and of human liberty?

"And were they not also in the councils of their countrymen when our glorious government had its birth, and did they not with Jefferson, Franklin and others conceive, sign and promulgate the immortal declaration of independence, the herald of the coming day of freedom throughout the earth? Therefore, defendant says obligations of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic church, Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, etc., having never lessened or diverted allegiance to our government, neither will or does the obligation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, whose very purpose is to protect and perpetuate American principles and institutions—slanderers, notoriety seekers and agitators to the contrary notwithstanding.

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MAYFIELD HAS GOOD MARGIN IN FIRST RETURNS

Bitterness Engendered by Campaign Gives Republicans Fine Opportunity Is Opinion Expressed by Politicians in Early Comments

GOVERNOR PAT NEFF HAS CLEAR MAJORITY

Montgomery Advertiser

Senator Culberson Has Slight Chance of Nosing Into Second Place For Run-Off on August 26; "Vote Straight" Was Injunction 7-24-22

(Special to The Advertiser)

HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 23.—**Appearing before the electorate of Texas in a cloak of protestantism, and supported by the women, the Ku Klux Klan, swept itself into power throughout the state Saturday. Long since a thing of the past as a corrective organization, the Klan made an astonishing political debut crowned with success everywhere, from the race for United States senator to the precinct races in the various counties. All of this in spite of the fact that the state anti- in ticket was also solidly proes t in its personnel.**

The Klan's victory gives the republican party in Texas the best oportunity it has had in nearly fifty years. The democratic party in the state is split wide open by the bitterest campaign ever waged in Texas. Thousands of voters will support republican nominees in the general election rather than support Klan candidates, politicians contend. However, so rockribbed is Texas that the republicans should not hope for more than a few local victories. But there would be a gain in the state where they have elected but one congressman in many years.

Opposed by 90 percent of the judiciary of the state and by a majority of the leading newspapers of the state, the Klan won a victory that surprised its own members and left its opponents dumbfounded. Returns tabulated this afternoon indicate that the state ticket of the Klan won or held pluralities with only one or two exceptions. In the leading counties of the state, including the counties wherein are located Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Beaumont, Waco and nearly all the other larger cities, the Klan tickets won all offices from district to precinct.

Like all schisms brought about by religious differences, the split in the democratic party in Texas is one that will be many years in the healing. Some of the prohibition campaigns in Texas may have had more surface bitterness, but none other in the history of Texas ever engendered this deep-seated and intense feeling that was aroused by the campaign just ended.

For the benefit of those unacquainted with Texas election laws let it be explained that the democratic primaries are not yet complete in state, federal and district offices. The law requires that a candidate be the choice of a majority of the party voters and to attain this end the two high candidates in each race enter a second or run-off primary if neither obtained a majority of all votes cast in the first primary. The second primary will be held August 26.

The Klan candidates either won complete majorities or pluralities in all but two state offices, according to the returns tabulated early tonight, and during the next five weeks the anti-klan forces will bend every effort to defeat the klan candidates in these races in which a run-off is necessary.

In the piney woods of East Texas, the appeal for members was based on opposition to and fear of the negroes; in West Texas the heavy Mexican population was used as bait, in the larger cities the alleged domination of business by the Jews and the alleged destruction of the free [illegible] system by the Catholics were used as lures to the native born Protestant Gentiles to join the order.

"With these various lures, the Ku Klux Klan entered Texas less than two years ago. They immediately met with opposition from newspapers, and judges issued pronouncements against them from the benches of the state. But they seemed to thrive on opposition and their strength grew until they had this, their first opportunity to test it out politically with their opponents.

The significance of the election result yesterday is not in the indicated strength of the Klan, but in the spirit of intolerance that seems to have aroused in Texas. Preying on creed and racial differences, the Klan succeeded in stirring up a political warfare between th

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testants on the one side and the Jews and Catholics on the other, with many Protestants upholding the Klan.

Houston and Harris county are typical instances of how the Klan won. The organization claims only 6,500 members in this county, and giving each member an additional vote from his family, the total would be 13,000, while there are 11,000 Jews and Catholic voters in the county.

But two weeks before the election the Klan put out its ticket, which it designated as the Protestant ticket. Then it engineered the organization a league of Protestant women overnight the issue had become one of Protestant or Catholic domination. With the Klan in the background, similar tactics were pursued by the Klan all over Texas, where it had any strength, and in every case it won out.

Because of the size of the state and difficulty of communication, it will be several days before the election returns are in, but the returns early Sunday night indicated the possibility that United States Senator Charles A. Culberson, after 24 years in the senate and 32 years in the service of the state, serving as governor and attorney general, may be retired from public life next March. It is virtually certain that Earle B. Mayfield, endorsed candidate of the Klan, will lead the six-cornered race for the democratic nomination. As this is written, James F. Ferguson, former governor of the state, who resigned from that office just as he was impeached in 1917, is second in the race, leading Culberson by several thousand votes. Late returns may put Culberson in the run-off with Mayfield. However, Governor Pat Neff, endorsed by the Klan, has a clear majority over his two opponents in his race for re-election.

Billie Mayfield, Jr., a newspaper man whose candidacy for the lieutenant governorship was never taken seriously by the voting forces, but who was endorsed by the Klan, is leading T. W. Davidson, the anti-Klan candidate, by several thousand votes and the run-off will be between them.

"Vote straight down the line," was the order given in all the local Klans and the result of the election shows how remarkably this order was obeyed. In the local races some of the ablest district attorneys and judges in the state were defeated by heavy majorities because they were anti-klansmen. The other side lacked that degree of loyalty, leadership, which resulted in many anti-klansmen supporting candidates who had good records in office.

In the race for nomination to the United States senate, in addition to Culberson, Mayfield and Ferguson, were Cullen F. Thomas, brother-in-law of Senator Morris Sheppard; Clarence Ousley, former assistant secretary of agriculture, and R. L. Henry, for 20 years a congressman from Texas.

Early in the race Henry announced that he had special permission from the Imperial Wizard of the Klan to announce his membership in the order and campaigned the state, appealing the Klan vote. Six years ago Henry was fifth in the race for the same office, so the state leaders of the Klan were afraid to attempt

FERGUSON READY TO LEAD REVOLT, SHORT INTIMATES

May Oppose Mayfield In November As Independent

Houston Post

ANTI-KLAN MEET WILL BE HELD

8-30-22

Intimations that James E. Ferguson, defeated in Saturday's Statewide primary for the nomination for United States senator, will bolt the democratic party and oppose Earle B. Mayfield in the November elections as an independent, were made Tuesday in Dallas by P. C. Short, manager of the Ferguson speakers' bureau during the campaign just ended.

Short declared that a Statewide convention of Ferguson supporters and others opposing the Ku Klux Klan will be held in Dallas shortly to determine "on a course of action preliminary to the general election in November."

That Mr. Mayfield, victorious in the race for the democratic senatorial nomination will be opposed by an independent democrat in the coming election appears certain, Mr. Short said.

"And Mr. Ferguson is ready to go the limit in his fight on the klan," Mr. Short added.

The former governor now is in Tem-

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ple resting after the arduous work of campaigning, but will be in Dallas later in the week, it was said at headquarters there.

John H. Kirby's eleventh-hour decision not to make the race as an independent democrat, Mr. Short said, left it up to some one to oppose Mayfield in the general election.

"The Dallas meeting will welcome any one opposing the klan," Mr Short went on, and he said that scores of Ferguson supporters have made known their determination to "go the limit in the fight on that organization."

He said encouragement is gained by the anti-klan forces from the defeat of the klan candidates in the second primary, namely, Ed R. Bentley, for superintendent of public instruction; George G. Garrett for State treasurer and Billie Mayfield for lieutenant governor. Among the Mayfield men, while full credit is given the klan for its support of the railroad commissioner, it is admitted that prohibition and the women's vote had much to do with his victory, Mr. Short stated.

The republican State executive committee will hold a meeting shortly to determine its lineup in the campaign on the klan issue, particularly with reefrence to the senatorial race. Republican leaders here believe that the G. O. P. will go on record against the klan and will conduct its fight along that line.

A statement by R. B. Creager of Brownsville, republican State chairman, made public Monday at Dallas, declared that Mayfield's victory was a reflection upon the fair name of Texas, and he called upon both republicans and democrats in the general election in November to discredit the Ku Klux Klan.

W. E. Talbot, manager of the G. O. P. State organization, announced that the republican party will begin inside of a month an intensive campaign in preparation for the November election.

TEXAS, THERE SHE STANDS!

New York Times

6-29-22

In Texas they play off their Senatorial primaries round by round, like a tennis tournament. In the final round Mr. EARLE B. MAYFIELD has defeated ex-Governor JAMES E. FERGUSON by a big majority, and will in due time succeed to the seat so long and honorably filled by Senator CULBERSON. MAYFIELD was backed by the Ku Klux Klan; he was also the prohibition candidate, while FERGUSON favored light wines and beer. However, prohibition was by no means the only issue. The last weeks of the campaign provided an orgy of theology, morals and ancient history such as must have edified the whole voting population. Both sides were earnest; both sides were moral. It must be observed, however, that morality with reservations seems to pay better than the undiluted sort, even in Texas. On the Klan issue Mr. MAYFIELD, like Brer Rabbit, "lay low." But he got the votes.

Mr. FERGUSON had been impeached and thrown out of the Governorship. His earnest followers besought Texas to undo the greatest wrong ever done to a noble, true-hearted Christian gentleman. He wanted a vindication. He accused MAYFIELD of duplicity; he produced the affidavits of those who swore they had seen the dry candidate taking a drink. Texas seems to have decided that it wasn't true. FERGUSON continued his war on the State Uni-

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versity; higher education, he said, was only a scheme for making a living without work. It must be feared that this is the ideal rather than the practice of the highly educated, but FERGUSON worked it hard. He favored a bonus; he would abolish the Federal Reserve Board. He warned Texas that Eastern banks would boycott the State if the Klan carried it. He called on Texas to "rise phoenix-like from its ashes"; and standing under the shadow of the Alamo he told the voters that the glorious memory of the heroic dead demanded that he be sent to the Senate.

All this, however, was nothing to the righteous fulminations of the "moral element" which supported MAYFIELD. Most potent among these modern Gideons was the Rev. HUBERT D. KNICKERBOCKER, who went about in the churches delivering a speech on "The Kaiser, the Devil and JIM FERGUSON." FERGUSON, he said, was a demagogue, a perjurer, a thief, a hypocrite, a political prostitute, and a wholesale, prolific and cosmic liar; moreover, his nomination would be "a blow to world prohibition." In this great Armageddon of moral ideals the outsider can express no personal view, but must bow to the result. Mr. MAYFIELD is going to the Senate.

K. K. K. MAN WINS, OPPONENT ADMITS

Atlanta Constitution

Mayfield Now Has 60,000 Majority—Other Klan Candidates Tailing in Races.

8-28-22

Dallas, Texas, August 27—The lead of Earle B. Mayfield, railroad commissioner, in the primary election yesterday for democratic nomination for United States senator was reduced to 59,991 by returns that came in today, the report of the Texas election bureau shows. Mayfield's opponent is former Governor James E. Ferguson. Mayfield is said to be the Ku Klux Klan candidate.

The vote stood: Mayfield 282,043; Ferguson 222,052.

This count was from 215 counties, including complete returns from 49.

At the last count at 1 o'clock this morning Mayfield was leading by approximately 69,000 votes.

Other Races.

In the lieutenant-governor's race T. W. Davidson is leading Colonel Billie Mayfield, Jr., supposedly klan candidate, by 86,369 votes, tonight's report showed. The vote is Davidson 277,934; Mayfield 191,565. C. V. Terrell is leading George B. Garrett, said to have the klan indorsement for state treasurer, by 61,338. The vote is Terrell 256,615; Garrett 195,227.

S. M. N. Marrs is leading Ed R. Bentley, also said to have the klan support, by 12,010 votes in the race for state superintendent of public instruction. The vote is Marrs 237,678; Bentley 225,669.

The Texas election bureau announced that this count is the last one that will be announced until the final count is made, which will probably be about the middle of the week. The officials expect 50,000 or 60,000 additional votes to come in.

Concedes Defeat.

Temple, Texas, August 27.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson tonight conceded the election of his opponent, Earle B. Mayfield, in the run-off primary yesterday for the democratic nomination for United States senator.

"On the face of returns is appears that I am defeated," he said in a statement to the Associated Press.

KLAN CANDIDATE IN TEXAS IS LEADING BY LARGE MAJORITY

Run-Off Between Ferguson and Mayfield Fails to End Strife; Klan Issue in November Forecast

Montgomery Advertiser

DALLAS, TEXAS, Aug. 27.—Celebrating the lead of the Ku Klux Klan candidates in the run off primary election, a parade was staged by the Dallas Ku Klux Klan tonight. Some of the paraders were in automobiles and some were walking. 8-27-22

Headed by an automobile carrying an electrically lighted "fiery cross," the parade wended its way through the down town streets. As the Klansmen passed a bulletin board displaying election returns, a picture of Earle B. Mayfield, Klan supported candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator was flashed on the screen. Instantly cheering went up in volume.

The Klan candidates are leading in all of the Dallas county races.

Incomplete returns from 180 of the 245 counties voting in today's democratic primary, indicated the nomination of Earle B. Mayfield for United States senator over James E. Ferguson. The figures compiled by the Texas election bureau were:

Mayfield 218,223; Ferguson 157,780. The reports were from all sections of the state and Mayfield led consistently.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Aug. 26.—One of the bitterest campaigns in the memory of old politicians in Texas ended tonight, when the polls of the democratic run-off primary closed at 7 o'clock. Discussion of the Ku Klux Klan and the injection of personalities increased the bitterness of the partisans.

The Klan question promises to continue an issue until the November election. The republicans have put a full state ticket in the field and in their platform denounced the Klan and declared it controlled a large part, if not all, of the democratic party machinery in the state. The democrats hold their state convention in San Antonio September 6 and will adopt a platform then.

Whether the vote was heavy or light was unknown early tonight. Reports were conflicting, some of the larger cities reporting the vote was expected to be less than at the first primary July 22, while several of the smaller cities reported indications of a vote equalling, or greater than that in the first primary.

Earle B. Mayfield, state railroad commissioner, and James E. Ferguson, former governor, candidates for nomination for United States senator, each claimed victory. Democratic nomination is equivalent to election in Texas. Mayfield is generally credited with being the Klan candidate and Ferguson opposed the Klan. Mayfield has the endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League and Ferguson is an advocate of light wines and beer. Other issues between them were less sharply drawn. The federal reserve system was attacked vigorously by Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. Mayfield said it needed possibly some changing.

In addition to the issues between the two senatorial candidates, Mr. Ferguson's race is one of interest, regardless of whether he is nominated, because of the conditions surrounding his candidacy. He has had a long and stormy political career in Texas, and was impeached when governor, in 1917, having been charged with receiving personal profits from state funds, and with interference with the board of regents of the state university. Part of the judgment in the impeachment was that he should never hold office in the state of Texas.

Jim Can Not Dodge the Real Issues

Because a few score rather disorderly people, excited by his vitriolic denunciation, heckled him the other night in Houston, Jim Ferguson now calls upon the people of Texas to forget all the other issues of the campaign and destroy the Ku Klux Klan. Houston Post

How? By voting for him for the United States senate. 8-24-22

More camouflage and nonsense.

Suppose the Klan were such an issue that its destruction were deemed necessary for the welfare of the State. How would Jim Ferguson's election to the senate affect it? In no sense whatever.

Two or three hundred disorderly people in Houston or elsewhere can not remotely affect the outstanding facts of this campaign.

Sending Jim Ferguson to the United States senate could not destroy the Ku Klux Klan or any other secret sectarian organization.

It could only direct the attention of the nation to the shameful circumstance that Texas—a State whose pure and illustrious statesmen had sat in the senate—was represented by a man who had violated the trust of the people of Texas, flouted the laws he was sworn to execute, misused the public funds, and had been scourged from his high office therefor.

Sending Jim Ferguson to the senate could not touch one Klansman, but it could put in that great forum a spokesman of the infamous liquor traffic; not merely an anti-prohibitionist, but one who had become beholden to the breweries for $156,500 in a transaction that a Federal judge declared to be "the most disgraceful episode in the political history of Texas."

Sending Jim Ferguson to the senate could not silence one heckler, but it would put there an enemy of the nation's banking system who proposes to destroy the metallic foundation of the billions of Federal Reserve notes, gold certificates, silver certificates, National Bank notes and United States Treasury notes in circulation and reduce them to the worthlessness of the German mark and the Russian ruble.

Sending Jim Ferguson to the senate could not eliminate one K from the Klansman ritual, but it would place the approval of the people of Texas upon malfeasance in office; upon improper financial relations by trusted public servants with interests upon trial before the high court of public opinion; upon the misuse of sacred public trust funds for private benefit.

Sending Jim Ferguson to the senate could not emphasize in the slightest degree the objection of a single anti-Klansman to the existence of the Klan, but it would emphasize the folly of a people who, having suffered the shame and humiliation brought upon them by a chief magistrate who betrayed them, sent him to the senate with license to repeat all his offenses as opportunity might arise, and to advocate there the things which they condemn and abhor.

Cullen Thomas, an outspoken opponent of the Ku Klux Klan, stated the question accurately when he said, if the Klan is a passing phase, it will soon be gone; if a permanent thing, then the people can deal with it later, when the situation is clearer, and when the consideration of it will not complicate vital economic issues now before them for settlement.

The citizen who votes for Jim Ferguson with thought that he is striking the Klan is simply shooting in the air.

Ferguson's candidacy represents the opponents of the Klan just as little as it represents the opponents of the liquor traffic; just as little as it represents the interests of the soldiers; just as little as it represents the people's views of banking and currency; just as little as it represents the fine ideals of our Christian civilization; just as little as it represents the people's views upon all economic and moral questions.

Ferguson and Ferguson's candidacy represent two things and only two things, viz., the outlawed liquor traffic to which he became beholden while governor in the sum of $156,500; and his sordid and disgraceful acts while governor, which stained the highest public honor within the gift of the people of Texas, for which the senate sitting as a high court of impeachment scourged him from office.

Earle B. Mayfield.

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Anti-Klansmen Plank and Selecting Candidates Features Republican Convention Work at Ft. Worth, Tex.

Montgomery Advertiser
8-10-22

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, Aug. 8.—Adoption of a comprehensive platform, one plank of which condemned the Ku Klux Klan, and endorsement of a complete list of candidates to oppose democratic nominees in the November election, constituted the chief work of the closing session of the Texas republican biennial convention today. The vote in both instances was ununimous, resulting in party leaders expressing the belief that the convention was one of the most harmonious on record.

E. P. Wilmot, Austin banker, was nominated for United States senator, and W. H. Atwell, former federal district attorney of north Texas, for governor.

The platform, aside from denouncing the Ku Klux Klan and accusing the democratic party of being dominated by it, reaffirmed the republican party's traditional stand on the tariff question, indorsed the policies and accomplishments of the Harding administration, characterized as "disgraceful to our state" the present prison system, demanded abolishment of the fee system and repeal of the primary election law. Good roads, flood control, and agricultural and mechanical college for west Texas, efficiency and economy in state government, a square deal for former service men, improved educational advantages and a board for arbitrating disputes between capital and labor were among the things advocated.

The platform against the Ku Klux Klan sets forth that the republican party "stands committed unreservedly for pure and undefiled 100 percent Americanism as established by the founders of the republic, but we condemn the Ku Klux Klan, or any similar organization whose purpose is to restrain by force threat intimidation or otherwise the conduct of our citizens in the full exercise of freedom, whether in matters of politics, religion or occupation, or discriminates between loyal Americans on the ground that religious belief or nationality."

"The republican party stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government; it regards with apprehension the activity of any group, within or without the state, that directly or indirectly seeks to usurp, interfere with or to lessen the full authority and power conferred by the people upon their duly constituted agencies of government. We stand for a government of law and for vigorous and impartial enforcement of all laws and we charge that the democratic party in many portions of the state, if not in the entire state, is now under the control and domination of the Ku Klux Klan."

A telegram from President Harding was read to the convention expressing approval of the party's course in Texas and voicing hope for marked progress in the future. H. F. McGregor of Houston national republican committeeman from Texas who was unable to attend the convention on account of illness, was given a vote of indorsement, as was also State Chairman R. B. Creager, of Brownsville.

At the suggestion of Henry Zweifel, chairman of the credentials committee, the convention's action in refusing to seat J. E. Elgin, of Bexar county, was reconsidered and Elgin seated.

PHILA PA PUBLIC LEDGER
JULY 26, 1922

A LONE STAR INDEED

TO THE shame of Texas, the Ku Klux Klan has swept the Democratic primaries. The Lone Star has turned black. This organized expression of religious bigotry and social ignorance has won complete control for the present of the party organization in State, counties and cities. This should be modified by the statement that under the Texas law there will be later another primary, at which the two leading candidates will run against each other. But Mayfield, the Ku Klux candidate, ran far ahead of his two leading opponents, and at the time of this writing it appears that the man to oppose him in the "run-off" primary will be the demagogic ex-Governor, Farmer Jim Ferguson, as he is called, who was impeached and removed from the governorship. Senator Culberson, representing what is left of decency and sanity in Texas, runs close to him, but Mayfield left both the demagogue and the old and valuable Senator far behind.

If this had happened in Alabama, where Catholic priests may be shot down without retribution, there would not be so much surprise; or in Georgia, the headquarters of lynch law. But the rest of the Union had thought better of Texas, and the news that the State has fallen so completely into the hands of the basest form yet known of ignorance, stupidity and unreasoning hate has shocked the country.

Texas has one chance to redeem herself in the eyes of the rest of the country, and that is to come to her senses before the "run-off" primary next month. If she does not, and Mayfield again wins, Texas must surely know that he will have a hard time getting into the Senate. The Committee on Privileges and Elections will most certainly insist on knowing whether he is a member of the Klan or not, and how far he is affiliated with it, and he will have to stand aside until it finds out. The Senate cannot afford to have a Ku Klux member, and it can bar him even if he is not an active member. It is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members. Even such a man as Reed Smoot had to stand aside until the Senate had investigated his record as a Mormon.

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The election of Mayfield would be an affront to the people of the United States. This Nation includes Catholics and Jews, naturalized citizens and Negroes. The Ku Klux Klan is an organization whose aim is to dominate, at least, all these classes of Americans. It has demonstrated in isolated instances that some of its lodges are not willing to stop at peaceful domination and are inclined to violence. But it may not be fair to hold the whole organization responsible for these outrages. They do, however, show the spirit of the Klan, which is one of hatred and hostility toward all citizens who are not both white in color and Protestant in religion.

The United States Constitution guarantees freedom and equality toward these classes and all others, and the Klan undertakes to nullify that guarantee. It would be a national shame and disgrace if any one representing it were to take his seat among real Americans in the proudest legislative body in the United States.

There is, however, a possibility that included in the vote for the Klan were a number of ballots which merely represented the spirit of protest shown in so many primaries and not confined to the Republican Party. That number cannot have been very large, for Ferguson was on hand to be voted for, and yet he ran far behind Mayfield; nor can it explain the local primaries, in which the Klan was generally victorious, defeating Sheriffs who had enforced the law and electing notorious Ku Klux Sheriffs.

For the present, at least, Texas sits in disgrace among her forty-seven sisters. In many elections one State or another has run off the track and amazed the Nation by voting for something mad, but never has any State gone to such depths as these.

The K. K. K. IN TEXAS.

t before the primary elections held in Texas last week ...tonel Mayfield's Weekly," which appears to be the new mouth... ...ce of the Ku Klux Klan, came out in an editorial which, in bold-...ced type, covered the whole front page of the paper, and in ...hich the prediction was made, "Klan Will Sweep All Texas." The following extracts from that editorial:

New York Age 8-5-22

BOYS, THIS IS THE LAST WORD I CAN GET TO YOU BEFORE ELECTION.

WE ARE ON THE EVE OF A SPLENDID VICTORY.

THE MORNING OF THE ELECTION WILL DAWN WITH LOWERING CLOUDS HANGING HEAVY OVER THE HEADS OF KIKES AND KATHOLICS, GATHERING BREEZES WITH RISE AND SWEEP AND DIE AWAY AND COME AGAIN WITH RENEWED INTENSITY UNTIL THE STATE IS SWEPT WITH A FIERCE HURRICANE OF KLAN VOTES.

AND WHEN THE FIERCE MONSOON DIES AWAY, AND THE SUN SHINES OUT YOU WILL SEE THE WRECK AND WRAITH AND DISASTER DIRE WROUGHT AMONG THE SCHEMING KIKES AND KATHOLICS OF THIS LAND BY THE OUTRAGED MANHOOD OF TEXAS; YOU WILL SEE POLITICAL CORPSES OF CONSCIENCELESS JEWS, AND ASPIRING PRIESTS HANGING LIMP ON BARBED WIRE FENCES OF PUBLIC RIDICULE.

AND THEN THE SHOUTING WILL BEGIN.

WITH THIS SPLENDID VICTORY WILL COME THE REALIZATION OF THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITIES THAT POWER BRINGS INTO THE HEARTS OF REAL MEN.

This would all sound like sheer braggadocia if it were not for the fact that what this article predicted is just about what did happen in Texas.

Senator Culberson, who has represented Texas in the Senate for nearly a quarter of a century and who comes from a family that for generations has been prominent in Texas politics was defeated. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes was Earl B. Mayfield, probably the father, the uncle or other relative of Billy Mayfield, Jr., editor of the "Weekly." James E. Ferguson, former governor of the state, received the second largest vote, and Senator Culberson ran third. Mayfield had the endorsement of the Klan and was, in fact, the Klan candidate. Ferguson is reported to be an anti-Klan man.

According to the Texas primary law there will be a second, or run-off primary on August 26 between Mayfield and Ferguson. This run-off election will be a true test of the political power of the Klan in the Lone Star State.

If Mr. Mayfield is elected there will be in the Senate another loud mouthed Negrophobist. This we judge not only from the fact that Mr. Mayfield is a Ku Kluxer, but from a glance over his paper which is full of the most virulent attacks upon colored people.

This paper attacks the Catholics because Negro communicants

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worship in the same churches with the whites. It attacks an assistant superintendent of schools of San Antonio who in attending an institute for colored teachers is reported to have eaten lunch with these colored teachers. The eight pages of the paper are made up of such matter as the above and the most vulgar attacks upon "Katholics" and "Kikes."

It is likely, however, that Mr. Mayfield, if he does go to the Senate, will drop his attacks on Catholics and Jews and confine himself to attacks on the Negro.

So much for Mr. Mayfield's candidacy for the Senate. We shall watch the second primary on the 26th and see what the result will be.

Now we wish to quote several other sentences from the "Mayfield's Weekly's" editorial, chiefly as an inquiry into the psychology of the Ku Klux Klan. Listen to these pious and exalted sentiments:

DROP TO YOUR KNEES, ASPIRING KLANSMEN, AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE MATCHLESS VICTORY. NO GREAT ACHIEVEMENT WAS EVER ACCOMPLISHED, BY MAN, WITHOUT THE HELP OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

AS A KLANSMAN YOU ARE HOLDING IN TRUST A PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR THE DESTINY OF AMERICA, AND ONLY REAL MEN, GOOD MEN, PURE MEN AND FEARLESS MEN CAN CARRY THEM OUT.

AS KLANSMEN YOU HAVE A GREAT MISSION TO PERFORM.

CLING TO THE TENETS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

AGAIN I SAY TO YOU DOWN UPON YOUR KNEES, ASPIRING KLANSMAN AND ASK ALMIGHTY GOD FOR JUDGMENT TO KNOW THE RIGHT AND STRENGTH TO ACHIEVE THE GREAT MISSIONS THAT ARE YOURS TO PERFORM.

LET'S ALL HOLLER!

The first question to come to a well-balanced mind is—Are these night marauders, these cowards who hide their faces and go about under the cover of darkness to commit deeds that men would be ashamed to commit in the light, these preachers of hate and practicers of brutality, these formenters of racial strife—is it possible that they are sincere when they utter such expressions as those quoted above?

Here we are up against one of the paradoxes of human nature. Through all ages men, in the name of their gods, have committed the most ungodly deeds. They have prayed for power to commit such deeds and afterwards thrown themselves on their knees and given thanks to God for having aided them in committing those deeds successfully. This paradox in human nature that God may be served by the doing of evil deeds in His name is very old but it still constitutes one of the chief obstacles in the way of the absolute ascent of the human race.

Notwithstanding, we believe the Ku Klux Klan to be a set of arch hypocrites. We do not believe that they are misled and swept away by any sort of religious ecstasy. We believe that the appeal of these blackguards is nothing more than sheer mummery The sentence which closes all of this pious cant, "Let's all holler,' expresses the true spirit of the Ku Klux, the mob spirit

2000 JOIN KLAN

Galveston Thronged by Klansmen for Big Initiation

MEETING COVERS 32 CITY BLOCKS

Houston Post

Island City Is Hostess to Thousands From All Over Texas

9-4-22

Houston Post Special.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 3.—When 20,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan from many Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana cities swept across a Klavern covering 32 city blocks here Sunday night, more than 2000 candidates stood before the 20 foot fiery cross and took the oath of allegiance to the United States government and the order of the Ku Klux Klan.

The spectacle was witnessed by a crowd estimated at 25,000 who came out to the naturalization grounds in every conceivable kind of vehicle as well as on foot and in street cars. On the south side of the great Klavern were many who came in buggies, some on bicycles and others in dilapidated horse drawn wagons, however, on the east side, hundreds of cars were parked and when the flares were thrown in the air at the close of the ceremony and the crowd was given its first opportunity to witness the great crowd of Klansmen and candidates a cheer went up that could be heard for many blocks.

Visiting klansmen started arriving in Galveston Saturday morning, and a continual stream of new names were registered at headquarters until time for the ceremonies to start at 10:15 Sunday night. It is understood that Beaumont, Port Arthur, Alvin, Goose Creek and Humble had exceptionally large delegations while Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth each sent thousands to the meeting which took on the nature of a conclave.

Ceremonies of the day started at the [illegible] church service [illegible] protestant church in the city was filled at each service during the day, and at night this feature of the meeting was brought to a climax when it was announced from the various pulpits that the initiation would be held and invitations were extended the congregations to attend.

Preparations for the meeting were made on an extensive scale by the Galveston klan. Thirty-two city blocks were leased for the meeting and

At midnight a large force of men was started to work on the temporary headquarters and lunch stands. Another big force was used in constructing the barbed wire entanglements around the field. Ther were two rows of guards used, the first line being thrown around the entire field, while the other was placed around the nine city blocks that composed the Klavern proper.

NO LAW IN KLAN TOWNS'--FERGUSON

Associated Press Report.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Aug. 25.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson Friday replied to the telegram of T. L. Woolwine, district attorney of Los Angeles, in which the prosecutor congratulated Ferguson for his denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan.

Ferguson's tedegram read:

"Hon. Thomas Woolwine: Thanks for your congratulations. The people of Texas Saturday will, in no uncertain terms, repudiate the Ku Klux Klan because they now know that it is opposed to a government of law and order. The Klan towns of Texas today are the places where disrespect for all law is growing every day.

"You are to be congratulated for your heroic fight in California against the mob Klan and if the people know their interests, they will elect you and hold up your hands in putting down the mob before it gets any more footing in your State. I wish your fight for the supremacy for the law of the land may be crowned with victory.

(Signed)
"JAMES E. FERGUSON."

Richmond Ku Klux To Have Big Barbecue

Houston Post Special.

RICHMOND, Texas, Sept. 3.—Big preparations are being made by the klansmen of this county for a big barbecue initiation and public speaking for the Ku Klux Klan to be held three miles south of Richmond and three miles southeast of Rosenberg on Labor Day, Sept. 4, at 6 p. m. The families of the klansmen will be parked aside the grounds and served. Ten thousand people are expected to attend.

CLAIMS KU KLUX KLAN DRAGGED IN POLITICS

Houston Chronicle

DALLAS, TEXAS Aug. 26.—The Ku Klux Klan does not belong in politics but has been dragged into it by opponents of the klan, Dr. W. H. Evans, Imperial Kligrapp or Secretary of the organization, declared today following a meeting of the officials of the sixty-eight Ku Klux Klan branches in Texas at the klan headquarters here. Dr. Evans' headquarters are at Atlanta.

"The Ku Klux Klan is not a political body," "and members in Texas have participated in politics as individauls because the klan was assailed by people who sought to destroy it. 8-27-22

"The klan picks no man for office, or should not. The members support as individuals the candidates they think best fitted for office. No klansman is permitted to use his [illegible] Membership for political purposes [illegible]

KLAN ISSUE MAY SPLIT DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Houston Post

Fight Over Chairmanship Of Body Is Expected To Develop

9-5-22

Associated Press Report.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 4.—The program of the democratic State committee will be contested when the State convention opens Tuesday morning by supporters of the Klu Klux Klan, it was understood Monday night. Klan leaders are planning to nominate L. R. Carpenter of Dallas for chairman of the State convention. This action, it is believed, will lead to division of the convention on the klan issue.

Marshall Hicks of San Antonio is the candidate for the chairmanship put forth by the State committee. R. E. Seigler of Palestine also is being urged for the position. Carpenter was nominated for the state legislature at the recent primary election and is said to have been supported by the K. K. K.

Political interests of Texas centered in San Antonio Monday night. The State convention will seat more than 1200 delegates, according to State Secretary Joseph W. Hale. A large majority of these had arrived Monday night and scores of other party supporters were on hand.

Republican opponents are present also, and apparently are seeking to bring the klan issue to a vote at the democratic convention. In a statement Monday night R. B. Creager, State republican chairman, declared that the democratic convention "will be dominated and controlled by the Ku Klux Klan; it will be Klanocratic, not democratic." Creager also stated that the convention must pass on the klan question.

The double primary election system, prohibition, provision for educational funds, and flood control and reclamation are other issues scheduled for consideration.

Ku Klux Klan — 1922. Texas.

ORANGE KLANSMEN GIVE $3000 TO RED CROSS CLINIC

Houston Post

Brings Total Contributions Made to Date to $10,787.50

10/1/22

ORANGE, Texas, Sept. 30.—Orange klan No. 51, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, donated $3000 Saturday in the drive for $12.000 for the Red Cross clinic and health center. This brought the total contribution to $10,787.50. The city has donated $1200 and, although the county commissioners have not yet been called on, it is believed they will contribute a like amount.

Although the Orange klan has made several contributions for various causes before, this is by far the largest klan donation made in this part of the State, it was said.

The letter, containing three $1000 bills from the Federal Reserve bank, Washington, D. C., was delivered to W. B. Simmons, chairman of the drive, by a man unknown to him or any one in his office.

The man seemed to take precaution that the envelope be delivered to the right person. He asked for Mr. Simmons when he entered the office and when the chairman was pointed out, he asked the same question of Mr. Simmons himself, asking if he were the chairman of the drive. When assured that he found the man he sought, he handed Mr. Simomns the letter and departed without comment.

The klan's letter read in part:

"As it is our purpose at all times to assist worthy causes, and feeling that this movement is one commendable, and one that should receive hearty support of all the people in Orange county, we deem it a real pleasure to be able to tender you this money towards same."

SHERIFF WILL RECOVER.

Was Stabbed During Ku Klux Klan Parade.

Springfield Republican 10/1/22

FT. WORTH, Tex., Sept. 30.—Vern Armstrong, deputy sheriff, who was stabbed last night during a parade of the Ku Klux Klan at Panhandle, Carson county, was resting well today, physicians said.

The stabbing occurred shortly after the Klansmen, 127 strong, had passed through the principal streets of the city. The sheriff and Armstrong were regulating traffic. A number of automobiles were following closely behind the Klansmen and it is said blocking traffic. Armstrong stopped a car and demanded that it go some other way. A man is alleged to have jumped out of the car to protest the action and in the quarrel that followed Armstrong was stabbed.

An arrest was made in connection with the affair.

There was said to have been no protest to the parade of the Klansmen.

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Atlanta Constitution 10/1/22

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CATHOLIC PRIEST AT FORT WORTH TAKES WARNING AND LEAVES

Herald Tribune 10/1/22

(Associated Press)

FORT WORTH, TEX., Sept. 28.—Father Mesier, a Catholic priest at Olfen, ten miles south of Ballinger, who was flogged by eight unmasked men recently, has left the county.

It was at first reported that Father Mesier had stated that he would not leave the county as warned. 1/29/22

Father Mesier, among other things, said that his floggers charged him with being un-American and disloyal.

HAVE ROW OVER KLAN

Savannah Press 9/7/22

Texas Democratic Convention In Turmoil Over Minority Report.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 6.—A serious disturbance arose in the Democratic state convention Wednesday when an attempt was made to table the minority report denouncing the Ku Klux Klan.

The minority report of the resolutions committee denouncing the Ku Klux Klan was tabled on a roll call vote.

"BILL" M'DONALD, FAMOUS TEXAS POLITICIAN, FAVORS MAYFIELD IN U. S. SENATORIAL CONTEST

The Houston Info

Ft. Worth, Texas, Sept. 25, 1922.

Hon. A. G. Perkins, 9/30/22
Galveston, Texas.

My Dear Sir: Your letter of the 22nd inst., asking me where I stand and what course true republicans should take in the pending campaign came in due course of mail. I must say that:

The wails of the lilly-white republicans and the shedding of crocodile tears by the "light wine and beer democrats," on account of the people turning and embracing Ku Kluxism is just awful!

Ku Kluxism has no terror for us. The leaders of the republican party ku kluxed the Negro in his constitutional and political rights as early as 1920. They drew the color line and put their stamps of approval upon MINORITY RULE. I have always been taught the the MAJORITY should govern and I firmly believe in this principle.

In the pending campaign I shall go to the polls on November 7th and cast my ballot for Mayfield as senator and Patt M. Neff as governor. I do not know what you think about it, but I am firm in the opinion that they represent more nearly than do Peddy and Atwell, MAJORITY RULE in government. Then, too, I have never in all my life supported a fusion or a hybrid political ticket.

In America there are two great political parties—republican and democrat. One or the other will write the statutes and govern all of the people in state and nation. The lilly-white officeseekers which have been substituted in all of the southern states under the Harding administration, for the republican party, cannot live; it will be short-lived and is bound to pass away. So with the "light wine and beer "off shoots" of the democratic party, who are at present willing to vote and act with any old bunch whom are willing to give them a drink of red liquor. Good lawabiding citizens, black or white, will refuse to cast their votes for this thirsty crowd. One bunch thirsty for federal office and the other bunch thirsty for liquor. The republican party has failed to put out or nominate a ticket this year that stands for republican principles and American fair play. To point out their anrepublican methods of party control is useless and would profit noth'g, so long as Mr. Harding sets in the White House and formulates party policies. I am,

Yours for good government,
WM. M. McDONALD.

Man Killed After Visit By Masked Men

Savannah Tribune 10/28/22

Abiline, Tex., Sept. 27th (Preston News Service)—A searching investigation of the killing here shortly before midnight, Sept. 9th, of Gover C. Everett, in a local hotel, was ordered by Judge W. R. Ely ina special charge to the Taylor county grand jury last Thursday.

After declaring that all he knew of the murder was from newspaper reports, Judge Ely said: "A Negro was killed in a Negro rooming house in this city. A street contractor told me that he had known Everett for eleven years and that he was a hard-working Negro and harmless. From what I gathered from the newspaper reports, the man had retired early and about midnight he was killed. I notice in the papers that Negro witnesses testified that three or four masked men came to the hotel, went upstairs, a shot was fired, the masked men came down, and Everett was found dead.

"I will be frank and honest with you; the man who shot Everett is guilty of murder and should be punished. It is a bad blot on your town when men go out and wantonly kill in that way.

"There has not occurred a crime since I have been on the bench so grave and one that deserves such earnest attention as this. I am blaming no man or no organization for this crime, because I don't know who did the killing."

District Attorney Cunningham, who has conducted an investigation of the affair, issued an appeal to all citizens who know anything of the murder or who might throw any light on it, to give the grand jury the facts.

Texas Negro Voters Favor Klan Nominee

Pittsburgh Courier
The East Texas News 10/19/22

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 16.—Earl D. Mayfield, the Ku Klux Klan candidate for United States senator, will get, it is being declared in all sections of the state. a large negro vote. "Bill" McDonald—of Fort Worth, has come out with tre declaration that he proposes to cast his vote for Mayfield. McDonald's word goes a long way with Texas colored people. The "Lily Whites" have driven McDonald to this action, his friends declare.

George E. D. Peddy, of Houston, an independent democrat, is being supported by the republicans, known here as "Lily Whites" for United States senator. John T. Adams, chairman of the republican national committee has given his indorsement it is reported, to Peddy's candidacy. McDonald and his followers were for an out and out republican for the senatorial nomination and not a black candidate either. Supporting Peddy won't help the situation for the colored vote, they say. Pretty bitter political stuff, this supporting a Ku Klux Klan, they further aver, but, at least, it helps them to keep hold of their identity as a part of the republican party in the state. Better a Ku Klux than total elimination is the cry of the colored voters' hour.

"Gooseneck Bill," as he is familiarly and somewhat affectionately called by the colored people throughout the state, recently held a meeting in Fort Worth where he

lives, which organized an independent movement that finally indorsed a field. As this was done in the open it is a resonable deduction that the colored vote is on the verge of deserting the republican ship in the state of Texas. What the state thinks about negroes and the Klan sleeping in the same political bed no one at this writing knows. And there you are with a big package to deliver.

GOMPERS' IDEA DIVIDED ON THE KU KLUX KLAN

St. Louis Argus

Labor Leader Is Opposed To Persecution Of Jews But Silent On Question Concerning The Negroes.

St. Louis Mo. 10/27/22

Associated Negro Press

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 25.—While opposed to an 'invisible government" when it applied to persecution of the Jews, Samuel Gompers remains silent when it is applied to Negroes in the labor organization identified with the American Federation of Labor.

In reply to a telegram sent by Henry D. Lindsley, in charge of Peddy campaign headquarters in Dallas, to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor requesting Mr. Gompers to outline the stand of the federation of the Ku Klux Klan, the following telegram was received by Mr. Lindsley from the labor leader:

"Replying to your telegram as to American Federation of Labor's position on Ku Klux Klan, I am quoting the unimously adopted declaration of the American Federation of Labor on that subject as follows: "The American Federation of Labor does not assume to indorse or condemn any organization, fraternity or association of American citizens unless the purpose of such organization is to organize for the purpose of interfering with the rights, opportunities, and responsibilities of wage earners.

"'The federation is firmly of the opinion that the administration of the law is vested solely and entirely in the duly elected or appointed officers of the law and that those who as members of any secret organization assume functions properly belonging to legal authorities invite mob rule and create in mens' minds a disrespect for and disregard of duly constituted authority. The federation is also of the opinion that it is not conducive to government by law and the maintenance of peaceful and safe conditions in the community to have members of any organization parade the streets so disguised that their identity can not be discovered when such disguises are adopted for the purpose of inspiring the thoughts of belief that the disguised individuals represent an invisible government.'

"Samuel Gompers."

Anti-Klan Choice In Hot Texas Race

Commercial Appeal

George E. B. Peddy (above), around whose name the Texas senatorial fight centers. The situation is a political tangle. In the first primary election the Democrats made no selection. Senator Culberson lost and neither of his two opponents, Earl B. Mayfield or Gov. Ferguson, received the necessary number of votes. A second primary to determine which of the men should be the party candidate resulted in the election of Mayfield. On the ground that Mayfield is backed by the Ku Klux Klan the Democrats held a new convention, nominating Peddy and he was later indorsed by many Republicans—but here the fun begins—the secretary of state refuses to have Peddy's name appear on the ballot, inasmuch as he was not elected in the primaries—and the matter is now being fought out in the courts. Unless it is quickly settled Texas may for the time being lose one of her representatives in the Senate. The situation has assumed national proportions and is being closely watched, especially in Democratic camps, as Texas is a banner Democratic state.

Memphis, Tenn. 10/22/22

KLAN MENTIONED IN MAYFIELD HEARING

Effort Made to Inject Issue Into Question of Placing Name, on Ballot

Montgomery Advertiser 10/20/22

(Associated Press)

GORSICANA, TEXAS, Oct. 19.—The first mention of the Ku Klux Klan in the proceedings of the Earl B. Mayfield injunction suit proper seeking to prevent his name as United States senatorial democratic candidate from going on the ballot, was made late today when Luther Nickels, plaintiff attorney, asked Ben C. Richards, Jr., a witness if "you did not hear and see A. C. Parker act as the grand cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan at the public initiation before the first democratic primary." The klan had been mentioned in questioning jurors.

Defense Attorney W. B. McLean objected and the court order the question stricken from the records.

Mr. Richards, assistant campaign manager for Mayfield, was questioned closely by Mr. Nickels regarding the printing of a ballot or ticket which was distributed at this public klan meeting. Richards denied knowing anything about it and emphatically declared that he had nothing to do with distributing it at the meeting. He said however, he was present at the meeting in company with his mother.

A copy of this ballot or ticket was shown to the witness by Mr. Nickels. It carried a list of candidates under a caption that they stood for things that Ku Klux Klan has announced it stands for.

Depositions by W. H. Slay and George Beggs, Jr., both of Fort Worth, were read at the afternoon session. Slay testified he gave $250 to Jim Straughan for Mayfield's campaign. Beggs said in his deposition that he had given $500 to Lynn Hunter of Austin and was "under the impression it was for Mayfield's campaign."

TEXAS CHURCH SPLIT BY KU KLUX ACTION

Commercial Appeal 11-12-22

As Kluxers Enter, Many in the Congregation Depart.

Memphis, Tenn.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 11.—Because a group of hooded Ku Klux Klansmen visited the First Baptist Church at Gilmer, Tex., commended the Rev. L. E. Finney, the pastor and gave him a cash contribution, the congregation is split and embittered. As the klansmen walked up the aisle toward the pulpit many in the congregation, left and this was followed by a large number demanding letters of withdrawal from the church.

Finney was conducting a revival service at the time. While this is the latest church fight over the klan visitations, at least 20 Texas churches have become embroiled in disputes due to klan contributions. Some churches have but half their membership as a result.

Advices from Houston are that Miss Nelda Meyer, who sued the klan in the federal court for $200,000 as a result of the klan sending her a threatening letter warning her to leave town, has settled the case out of court. It was scheduled for trial this week, and Miss Meyer admits that klan officials paid her a goodly sum of money. She refused to disclose the amount or the names of the klansmen who settled with her.

Conviction for Flogging.

One of the many flogging cases in the southwest has resulted in a conviction and sentence. Perhaps a thousand whippings by masked men have taken place in the last 14 months, with but a half dozen arrests and no convictions, except in the case of Dempsey Brown at Pauls Valley, Okla. Brown was charged with participating in the lashing of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lindsay at Pauls Valley last August and he was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

No arrests have followed the fatal battle at Spelter City, near Henryetta, Okla., in which Roscoe Adkins was killed and Thomas Bouggous, constable, wounded. Bouggous soon died of his injuries. Adkins was one of a group of masked men who tried to kidnap the constable at a motion picture theater. Bouggous was induced to leave the theater under a pretext, but when his would-be abductor tried to force him to enter an automobile he refused and the firing began. His assailants wore blue shirts and face masks of blue and, according to the police, are members of a newly organized secret society. They call themselves "The True Blues."

Killed By Masked Raiders.

This makes at least four men who have been killed by masked raiders in that part of Oklahoma in the last nine months. Early last winter three men were slain at Wilson, Okla., when a large band of masked men from Ardmore, which evidence showed were unmistakably klansmen, invaded the home of an alleged bootlegger. The bootlegger and two of the klansmen were killed in a revolver battle. While 21 were arrested following this tragedy, there were no indictments or trials. Some of the leading citizens at Ardmore were arrested and held for three days.

Bouggous, the Spelter City constable who was killed, was president of the True Blues, and some reports are that this organization was an anti-klan body and that the kluxers may have been the assailants, for their intended victim had aroused much enmity. Homer Pennequine, one of the alleged klansmen sought, was charged a few days previously with having flogged Lloyd Townley. He was released under $500 bond.

JUDGE ORDERS VERDICT AGAINST E. B. MAYFIELD

Commercial Appeal 10-27-22

Would Bar His Name From Texas Senatorial Ballot.

Memphis, Tenn.

UNPRECEDENTED CASE

Federal Courts Already Have Upheld a Suit Barring the Name of Peddy, Fusionist Candidate, From Ballot—Ku Klux Is Issue.

CORSICANA, Tex., Oct. 26.—The jury which heard the injunction suit to keep the name of Earle B. Mayfield, Democratic nominee for United States senator, off the ballot in next month's election, tonight returned a verdict against Mr. Mayfield on thirteen of the twenty-one questions propounded by Judge Scarborough.

(By the Associated Press.)

CORSICANA, Tex., Oct. 26.—Judge Scarbrough tonight instructed the jury to bring in a verdict against Earle B. Mayfield in the injunction suit to keep his name off the ballot in the election of a United States senator, Nov. 7.

Judge Scarbrough took this action following the filing of a motion by plaintiff attorneys asking the judge to instruct the jury to give answers negative to Mayfield's in six of the 21 questions propounded by the judge in his charge to the jury.

It is charged in the case that Mayfield is the candidate of the Ku Klux Klan and not representative of democracy, and therefore not entitled to head the Democratic ticket.

Federal courts recently decided against his opponent, George L. B. Peddy, the fusionist and anti-Ku Klux Klan candidate, in a similar case, and if Judge Scarbrough's action against Mayfield is upheld, neither of the senatorial candidates will be entitled to have his name printed on the ballot.

Such a situation, it is said, will be unprecedented in an election for United States senator.

Ku Klux Klan — 1922.

Ku Kluxers' Spectacles Are Smoked

Chicago Defender 2/4/22

Miss Point of Wonderful Play Which Teaches of "White Supremacy"

[Editorial: Chicago Tribune.]

Adolph Klauber, who manages the Colored actor, Charles Gilpin, sent the company into Virginia. It was intended to try out the South with the play "The Emperor Jones," in which Gilpin is the star, with white support, but the actor received a letter while in Virginia, with a Ku Klux Klan signature, advising him not to extend his tour farther into the South with a mixed company. The management decided that this was good advice and steered a course north.

The warning was too tenuous, in fact, to be an avowed social expression, but as a portent it was powerful, and the South has missed a great play with an astonishing actor because the actor is black. Probably not only the fact that he is black but that being black he is the star made him undesirable.

The South has produced the popular classics of the Afro-American and white men have written them, but they have been of Uncle Remus telling folklore stories to the little boy from the big house, Thomas Nelson Page's romantically faithful blacks waiting on old or young marse or they have been the slaves singing "'Way Down Upon the Suwanee River" or "My Old Kentucky Home." Home."

Servant to South

The Negro classic is a mirror held up to the glories of the old South and is a bright reflection of beauty and chivalry. It blossomed in the present day again in the Old Reliable stories of Harris Dickson, a Southerner. The Southern limitations of the Colored Race in writing and in music and on the stage are the limitations of the servant evidently.

The British in India have a rule, needed mostly in the movies, and there it is a censorship rule, that producers shall not show pictures that reveal rascality in white skins and virtues in darker ones. It is bad for white dominance, the British say, to show white men doing injustice or committing crime. Othello could not get by in India.

That is official for the British, but in the American South social rules are conveyed and enforced unofficially. The people who objected to "The Emperor Jones" not only missed a great play but they missed the point of it, or they might not have objected.

Gilpin's portrayal of the character does not conform to the convention that a good Colored man is a romantic menial but makes the emperor essentially more assuaging to the Southern, and Northern, principle that the white does and must rule when the races are thrown together. The white beach comber in the play is miserable and vile enough, but he does not revert to barbarism and the black man does. Gilpin's black man goes mad in the jungle at night, seeing imaginary terrors and wasting his ammunition on them as his real pursuers advance.

Dixie Doctrine in Play

If the South wanted a doctrine of white supremacy worked out for it the talented Gilpin would have been flattering, but a social edict stood above any such consideration. We do not know how the South feels about Othello, but anyway this Emperor Jones was different, because he was at the beginning of his drama a realistic black man of today who might be moving boxes and bales, brushing clothes, polishing brass work or shooting craps anywhere until he committed the murder which made him jump the country. Possibly there would be no objection in the South to the mental and spiritual collapse of a black man under strain, but some objection to permitting a real black man to demonstrate talent in portraying the collapse. The racial bars are partly explicable and partly inexplicable, but the South has missed a good show.

Virginia Threatens To Fine Ku-Klux

Virginia 11-22

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 31.—The State Corporation Commission Tuesday issued a rule against the national organization of Ku-Klux Klan to appear here November 21 and show cause why it should not be fined for having engaged in business in Virgina wthout authorty to do so.

The papers will be sent to Atlanta for service on the reputed head of the klan. There are perhaps 20 branches in this state and each organization is a separate offense, and the fine is from $10 to $1000 for each case.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO BREAK KU KLUX

The Planet 10-28-22-Richmond Va.

(Preston News Service)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 26.—In a statement issued last Tuesday night, J. T. Bethel, attorney for a number of local members of the Ku Klux Klan declared that the recent withdrawal of the Richmond Lodge," is the beginning of a nation-wide movement to break up the Klan" and to substitute a new organization as the "Anglo-Saxon clubs of America."

The first steps toward organization of the Anglo-Saxon clubs have been taken, the attorney declared, and added that a post will be formed in Richmond immediately from the severance of relations between the local klan and the parent organization, which occurred on Oct. 5. Dissatisfaction among local klansmen has been growing for some time, Mr. Bethel stated, "because of the manner in which the affairs of the organization were conducted at Atlanta." The chief reason for the withdrawal was that we found that the "Georgia organization is a rampant anti-catholic organization instead of an organization to maintain white supremacy."

It is said that the local klan was loyal to the parent organization as long as their activities were directed against the Negro race. The new organization will direct its energies against the darker races, the Negro especially.

Special to The New York Times.

Klan Leader Here in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 21.—That Colonel Robert K. Spiller, a Roanoke attorney who acquired his title by appointment on the staff of former Governor Henry C. Stuart, is Exalted Cyclops of the Roanoke Local of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., of Atalnta, Ga., was declared today by W. C. Maddox of Richmond while testifying before the State Corporation Commission in proceedings brought against the Klan for failure to obtain a certificate of authority for operating in this State.

Colonel Spiller, who together with J. V. Poole of Atlanta appeared as counsel for the Klan, was cross-examining Maddox when the disclosure was made.

"What was your official position with the Richmond Local?" asked the Colonel.

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"Exalted Cyclops, the same which you hold in Roanoke," replied Maddox.

Spiller did not deny the statement. Instead, he proceeded to call Maddox a traitor.

"I object to the use of such terms," interposed Kirk Mathews, counsel for Maddox and other former members of the Richmond locals, who withdrew from the order and were recently enjoined from organizing a similar order here.

Spiller retracted the statement and the incident was closed.

In the course of the hearing, counsel for the Klan tried to establish that it was a fraternal organization, without any insurance features and was therefore not amenable to the law requiring foreign corporations to be domesticated before doing business in Virginia. At the conclusion the commission reserved decision and allowed counsel ten days in which to file briefs.

Correspondence was revealed during the proceedings tending to show that the Klan solicited members, and that there "was a systematic salesmanship organization" at work in districts throughout the State.

Witnesses testified that a "donation" of $10 solicited from each member was divided as follows: $4 to the sales agent, who was G. L. Williams, King Kleagle for the State of Virginia and organizer of the Ku Klux Klan in Richmond; $1 to the sales manager of the State; 50 cents to the district sales manager; $2.50 to the Imperial Kleagle at Atlanta, and the remaining $2 to the treasury.

A. G. Miller, a Richmond policeman, who said that he withdrew from the order, testified that he traveled for a time as field agent, soliciting members in Lynchburg, Crewe, Blackstone, Petersburg and other places. "Warning" cards, he said, were furnished him by the King Kleagle and he recalled tacking up some of these in Petersburg one night. Miller said that he did not join the Richmond force until some months after quitting the order.

Richmond Organizes Bogus Klan

Chicago Defender 11-11-22

Richmond, Va., Nov. 10.—According to officials of the Ku Klux Klan, the organization is dead and out of existence here. The Richmond Klan, No. 1, with offices at Second and Broad streets, broke with the imperial organization at Atlanta and will endeavor to organize a new order with different tenets and aims, based upon the same slogan, "America First." This plan was revealed in a statement given by some of the former officers of the klan.

Now the new order faces court proceedings instituted against it in a suit brought by officials of the imperial organization in Atlanta. They sought an injunction to restrain the new Richmond order from using the ritual, regalia and procedure of the mother order, and from exercising any of its powers or privileges, and also to force the return of $10,000 and all paraphernalia that is alleged to be in the hands of the new order.

Because of the suit against it, the local re-organized klan calls itself the "Anglo-Saxon Club of America." The safe in the office of the old local was recently broken into and all the records and files stolen. The money in the safe was left there and officials declared their utter ignorance as to the guilty party.

Following the robbery, a telegram was sent from Atlanta to a klan representative here, which read:

"Headquarters Ku Klux Klan offers $1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves who stole the records of the Richmond Klan No. 1, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A certified check for $1,000 is now in the hands of the sheriff of Fulton county, at Atlanta. H. W. Evans, Supreme Secretary."

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Washington (State)

NEGROES RECEIVE "K. K. K." WARNING

Notice Found at Door of Bethel A. M. E. Church Before Mass-meeting

SPOKANE WASH REVIEW
DECEMBER 2, 1922

FIGHT SODA WATER CASE

Raise $100 of $200 Fund to Appeal Drug Store Ruling to Supreme Court.

At a meeting of negro residents in the Bethel A. M. E. church, Fifth and Pine, last evening, more than $100 was raised in cash and subscriptions toward a $200 fund for carrying the soda water case of Smallwood Goff and James Woodson versus W. E. Savage to the supreme court. F. A. Stokes and John Thompson went on the $200 bond required.

A K. K. K. warning, received by the Rev. T. F. Jones at the church just before the meeting, failed to dampen the ardor of the speakers. The general attitude was that their wish was to uphold the reputation of Spokane and the state for being just and fair. The K. K. K. warning, found in an envelope on the church door steps, was on black paper and bore a skull and crossbones and a red emblem suggestive of fire.

Judge F. W. Girard will present the case at Olympia in January. At last evening's meeting Judge Girard complimented the people on their attitude. "The drug store is a public place and its purpose is to serve the public. I see no reason why Mr. Savage should have discriminated in this case," he said.

The Rev. T. F. Jones, president of the Spokane branch of the national association for the advancement of the negro, was chairman.

"This is an unpleasant duty," he said. "It seems wrong that citizens of the United States, who pay taxes and who serve their country in the time of war, should be discriminated against. There are many aliens who are given its protection and are granted all kinds of privileges. We have to go to the courts to fight for rights which ought to be ours by the reason of our citizenship."

Mrs. A. C. Houston, vice president of the state federation of negro women's clubs, stated that she was heartily in favor of pushing the case to the utmost. Mrs. Bertha P. Cravens, president of the city federation, said, "This is not an individual case. The outcome of the case will affect every negro in the community." Mrs E. N. J. Sims stated that she lived near the drug store in question and that until this incident negro people had always been treated well."

The Rev. E. E. Sims stated that such an incident was liable to cause much more trouble than might be expected.

"It is under such circumstances that the Ku Klux Klan wreaks its vengeance," he said. "When I was in the south, where I was born, I sat up many a night with my rifle to guard a white man whom the Ku Kluxers were after because he taught the negro how to read and write."

AGENTS, COLLECTORS and K.K.K.

Washington Tribune

On Monday, a white insurance agent was seen to approach a certain house in the Northwest section, and knock at the front door. A lady came and opened the door. The agent walked in, without speaking, with his hat on; walked down the hall and entered a room to the left. 5/6/22

There are several lessons in this particular case for colored people. First, why have a white insurance agent calling at your home at all? There are five good, strong, dependable companies, owned and managed by colored men, doing business here in Washington, in the health and accident business; the sort of business for which this white man was an agent.

The Southern Aid Society of Virginia; The National Benefit; The Richmond Beneficial; The Standard Benefit Society, of Maryland, which has just opened offices here, and the American Woodmen, a strong fraternal insurance society—any of these five companies can supply you with all the insurance you may want and need in their line. And too, they employ colored men and women, both on the field and in the office. Your white companies will not give your boy or girl a position in their offices.

Second: These agents, both insurance and furniture, have your name and address and they go all thru your home and know every room, every door and just what you have in the house.

Third: They are always of the poor class and whenever a mob is formed you will find your insurance or furniture agent in it.

Fourth: The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are avowedly the enemies of colored pepole, of Jews and of Catholics. You do not see these poor white agents going into the homes of the Jews. How do you know but that your agent is a member of the Ku Klux Klan and is being used by them as a spy to find out the condition, location and entrances and exits of your home? Having your name and address, obtained thru your white agents that call on you each week, the K.K.K. can single out any particular colored family and visit their home and take them or do what damage they desire. If there should be trouble between the races again, the Klansmen are prepared, for they know where you are and all about your home or they can obtain this information from your white agent or collector. Better, "Safety First."

REVOLT OVER KLAN GAINING IN TEXAS

Many Democrats Support Independent Candidate for Senator Against Mayfield.

The New York Times
Sept 24 22

REPUBLICANS FAVOR PEDDIE

North Dakota Another State In Which Democrats Oppose the Party Senatorial Nominee.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The revolt of Texas Democrats against the Ku Klux Klan and its candidate for the Senate, Earl B. Mayfield, is gaining impetus. Mayfield is the regular nominee of the Democratic Party, but the manner of his choice through the activity of the Ku Klux has displeased many Democrats, and at a convention in Dallas on Sept. 16 an independent Democratic candidate to oppose him for the Senatorship was nominated. He is George E. B. Peddy of Houston.

C. W. Jurney, political manager for Senator Charles A. Culberson in the latter's unsuccessful campaign for the Senatorial nomination against Mayfield, has written a letter to Mr. Peddy in which he stresses the issue of the current Senatorial campaign as Klan and anti-Klan. He denounces the Klan and its principles, and declares that if it elects Mayfield the death knell of the Democratic Party as a national party will be sounded.

In the Presidential election of 1920 the Republican Party in Texas polled more than 100,000 votes. The party has endorsed Peddy.

In his letter to Mr. Peddy, Mr. Jurney says the Texas independent movement will not end until the Ku Klux Klan is suppressed.

"These are not ordinary times, and this is not an ordinary nomination," says the letter. It is like listening to the serpent for a Democrat, when the life of his party is at stake, to think it his duty to be regular, for every one knows the election of a Klansman to the Senate by Texas, the greatest Democratic State in the Union, means the death of the Democratic Party as a national party, that a vote for the Ku Klux Klan is a vote to destroy the Democratic Party."

Another manifestation of party dissatisfaction over a Senatorial choice is found in North Dakota, where ex-Governor Lynn J. Frazier is the Republican nominee, having defeated Senator Porter J. McCumber. Although a member of the Non-Partisan League, Frazier entered the Republican primaries and the League membership voted in those primaries.

Frazier is opposed by J. F. T. O'Connor, the Democratic nominee, and reports reaching Washington are that a majority of the Republican newspapers in North Dakota are supporting O'Connor. He is receiving also the almost solid support of the Independent Voers' Association, which was chiefly instrumental in bringing about the recall of Frazier from the Governorship.

The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, which manages the campaigns of Republican nominees for the Senate, has not made any move to give Frazier its support. Whether it will do so is not known. O'Connor's chances of election are said to be good, in spite of the strength of the Non-Partisan League and the fact that North Dakota is a strong Republican State.

KU KLUX DEMOCRATS DRAW GALLIVAN'S IRE

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Will Question Candidates for Speaker of House.

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Mr. Gallivan declared that while he had no candidate of his own, he would not support Representative Garrett, Tennessee, acting Democratic leader, because of his vote against the soldier bonus.

CONTROL OF KLAN VESTED IN STATES, SAYS DAUGHERTY

Atlanta Constitution

12-5-22

Attorney-General of U. S. Says Federal Government Has No Authority to Take Action at Once.

OPINION IS GIVEN OUT IN REPLY TO WALSH

Federal Government Is Ready to Act, Says Daugherty, When Occasion Demands.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, December 4.—Alleged illegal acts attributed to the Ku Klux Klan fall within the police power of the several states, Attorney General Daugherty has informed Senator Walsh, democrat, of Massachusetts, in reply to an inquiry, and the United States has no jurisdiction over such matters.

The department of justice has had the conduct of the so-called Ku Klux Klan before it for more than a year, Mr. Daugherty said, but has not been able to find a single case which would bring the organization within the jurisdiction of the federal government. He assured Senator Walsh that if any such case arose the government would proceed to vigorously prosecute the offending organization or individuals.

Senator Walsh wrote the attorney general last week enclosing letters received from two correspondents, one urging that the federal government proceed against the klan under section 19 of the penal code making it a violation of law for any person to conspire to deprive any person of certain rights guaranteed under the federal constitution and the other detailing a number of outrages alleged to have been committed in Texas under the direction of the Klan.

Daugherty's Statement.

Mr. Daugherty, in acknowledging receipt of the correspondence, said:

"I have not been able to find a single set of facts which come within the four corners of section 19 of the penal code as interpreted by the courts.

"Casual examination of the cases under this section will demonstrate this. The rights and privileges referred to in section 19 according to

the court's interpretation of it, are substantially those denominated in the 14th amendment.

"Your correspondent who thinks that the activity of the Ku Klux Klan falls within the policy of the prosecution of the I. W. W. is far afield, in that the defendants in the I. W. W. cases were prosecuted for a conspiracy under section 37 of the penal code which denounces a conspiracy to do some act which is in violation of some statute of the United States other than section 37.

"The so-called war legislation created certain offenses. Section 37 was invoked to prosecute a conspiracy to violate those war acts. The tar and feather parties, assaults, homicides, etc., which you describe in your letter, fall within the police power of the several states and the United States government has absolutely no jurisdiction in such matters."

The attorney general concluded by saying that "if any statement of facts come to the attention of the department which gives the federal government jurisdiction of any offenses committed by the Ku Klux Klan or any other organization, it will be prosecuted vigorously."

Demands Jury Probe.

New York, December 4.—Judge Mancuso today instructed the grand jury to inquire into the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in New York city and to bring indictments if violations of the penal law were found.

"I have been informed," said Judge Mancuso to the jurors, "that several meetings were held in this city where full regalia was used, consisting of a gown and mask. It is your duty to make an investigation of this matter with a view to ascertaining whether any of the acts committed by the Klan come within the purview of the statutes of this state."

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West Virginia

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The Ku Klux Klan Still Alive.

To the Editor of The World:

Last September I was tempted to offer you heartiest congratulations upon your exposure of the Klan. At the end of May I am constrained to ask you, What good do you feel you have done? I have been living in West Virginia. The Klan was almost unknown in September. To-day it is a powerful factor in my section, directing its efforts chiefly against Catholics and Negroes. The Jews, foreigners and workers are in the "honorable mention" class.

The labor press maintains that the Klan investigation was silenced by big business because the Klan's terroristic methods were potentially valuable. Frankly, what should be the attitude of those of us who see the growing power of the Klan? DAVID H. PIERCE.

Elmira, May 30.

Ku Klux Gives Billy Sunday $200

Baltimore

Charleston, W. Va., May 11.—Four Ku Klux in regalia hit the Billy Sunday sawdust trail last week to present him with a roll of bills amounting to $200.

By way of reply, Billy praised the Klan, which stands for one hundred per cent Americanism, Christianity, and white supremacy.

KU KLUX ASSIST VIRGINIA POLICE TO ARREST COLORED MAN AND WHITE WOMAN

Ocean View, Va., May 11.—Citizens of Northampton County are still talking of the arrest and conviction of John Briscoe and Sarah Savage, white, for living together. Sarah is a former resident of this place and is the mother of three children, eight, twelve and three years old.

County Officer Ennis, assisted by the Exmore Ku Klux Klan, arrested the couple during the night in a small farm house near Jamesville, Va. The two younger children were living with their mother under the same roof with the Negro. On account of their isolation the facts of the case had not become public; however, it is understood they have been living together for about three years.

Members of the Klan remained on guard even after Briscoe was arrested. In the Northampton County court, each was sentenced to one year in jail and 1500 fine. The children were sent to the State Orphanage.

JUDGE DENOUNCES KU KLUX.

New York Times

McClintic Says Klan Is Now Active in West Virginia.

11-22-22

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Kansas to Refuse Permit for Klan To Do Business

Atlanta Constitution

12-17-22

Governor Allen Explains Legal Moves of His State Against K. K. K.

White Sulphur Springs, West Va., December 16.—Kansas will not drive the Ku Klux Klan rrom the state by force but will expel it by refusing to permit it to do business within the state's boundaries, Governor Henry J. Allen declared in an address prepared for delivery today before the governors' conference.

A writ being sought in the Kansas supreme court, he said, would make disappear "the blazing cross and the pasture parties, where the men mask themselves and put on a fantastic ceremony in the open filed and terrorize an entire neighborhood.

"In Kansas we are seeking to expel the klan from the state," Governor Allen said. "I note by the press of the country that some misapprehension exists as to just what we mean by expelling the order, and the thought has been expressed that it is the intention of the state to drive out of the state the members of the klan.

Explains Acion.

"This is not at all what the action before the supreme court pre-supposes. Under the law of Kansas, every organization doing business within the state must be chartered. The Ku Klux Klan has a charter under the laws of Georgia, and the action now pending in the supreme court of the state is for the purpose of securing a writ forbidding the klan to do business hereafter in Kansas.

"The essence of our opposition to this organization is not in the fact that it fights the Catholic church, or expresses its antipathy to the Jew or to the negro, but in the fact that it does this under the protection of a mask and through terrorism and violence.

"It is incredible that this country should have passed through its baptism of heroic devotion which called it into action four years ago, only to sag back now into this most lamentable species of disorder.

Points to Crosses.

"Much human life has been sacrificed to the cause of Christian civilization, as America interprets it. I could take you to a place I know in France, where the crosses rise row on row, and after a while we would stand before a cross which marks the resting place of James Fitzsimmons. The record is that he was the first member of the American Expeditionary Forces to give his life in the combat area of Toul. If I had the power to reincarnate him, I could say 'James Fitzsimmons, you think you are a one hundred per cent American,' and I imagine he would look at me with some surprise and say 'I never thought much about that; I was born in America and when they told me this war was for the defense of our ideals and our civilization I didn't wait for the selective draft. I hurried on to offer my life for the defense of the principles which America had adopted as her own.'

"If I should say, 'You are not a one hundred per cent American. There is an emperor of an invisible government at Atlanta, Ga., who declares you cannot be one hundred per cent American because you are a Catholic,' I daresay he would say to me, 'they never told me anything like that when I stood in line with my gun waiting to go over the top.'"

Speaking of the appeal made by organizers of the klan along lines of what they call 100 per cent Americanism, he said:

Arouses Bitterness.

"In many places the appeal to creed has brought into the organization some excellent men who believe that they are addressing themselves to a real problem when they draw lines of religious prejudice."

Sketching the progress of the klan, he continued:

"It grows very rapidly when it strikes a community and it requires about a year of experience to convince its best members that the organization has no real place of usefulness in America. It arouses the intensest bitterness.

"In some communities, where I am acquainted with its activities, friends of a life-time have become estranged, families have been divided, men become supicious of their neighbors, bigotry and intolerance have thrived, poisoned pens and serpent tongues have been busy spreading scandals. Women and children have been taught to believe that their neighbors of a different religious faith are plotting their destruction.

Blight of Teachings.

"The old American spirit of enterprise, co-operation and neighborly good will passes away under the blight of its bigoted teachings and the spirit of religious intolerance, hatred and suspicions enters into every civic activity from the deliberations of the chamber of commerce to the political primaries. Sermons of hate are thundered from pulpits, where, in other years, was taught the doctrine of the Great Commandment."

After referring to specific crimes of violence alleged to have been committed by members of the klan in the south and the far west, he said:

"The organization is as dangerous to the Protestant as it is to the Catholic, the Jew or the negro, because it exists only when the authority of government has been broken down and destroyed. It brings chaos and hatred and menace to every law-abiding citizen who may fall victim of the private quarrels and animosities of the men who hide their identity behind a mask."

HOODED KLAN FLAYED IN GOVERNORS' MEET

Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.

Parker Leads Assault on the Invisible Empire.

12-15-22

CRISIS, SAYS GOV. OLCOTT

Declares Klan Has Arrayd Class Against Class, Neighbor Against Neighbor in Oregon State—"Following False Gods."

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USE PRESENT LAWS, SAYS CAROLINA GOVERNOR

Atlanta Georgian
12-16-22

Morrison Halts Parker's Attacks.

Executives Hold Midnight Session.

(By International News Service.)

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 15.—With the members of the Governors' conference still agitated Friday from a heated midnight debate on the Ku-Klux Klan, Governor Sproul, of Pennsylvania, announced as chairman that no action will be taken by the state executives at their annual meeting either on the klan or prohibition.

The debate, which furnished the conference with its first touch of excitement, followed a sweeping denunciation of the klan by Governor Ben Olcott, of Oregon, and centered on an address made at the close of the afternoon by Governor Parker, of Louisiana, in which he called on his fellow Governors that they place themselves squarely on record against the invisible empire and declare prohibition almost a farce.

MORRISON TAKES FLOOR.

The hour of midnight had struck before the discussion opened.

Governor Cameron Morrison, of North Carolina, interpreted Governor Parker's statements as a challenge to him, himself and the other Governors present to declare themselves on the Ku-Klux Klan. He objected to this and to Governor Parker's attack on prohibition.

"I am as strongly opposed as anyone here to secret societies that unfurl the banner of religous intolerance. So far as the klan is concerned, I do not know much about it. I know only one member of the klan in my state and he is one of our finest, most upright citizens," said the North Carolina executive.

PRESENT LAWS FOR KLAN.

"If the klan is as lawless as Governor Parker and Governor Olcott say it is, it should be dealt with under existing laws.

"So far as propaganda is concerned, I do not believe in meeting it with force, nor do I believe in passing legislation directed against the klan or any other secret society, putting forth such propagana. The best and only way to meet such propaganda, in my opinion, is by education.

"Why not meet members of the klan and argue it out with them face to face?"

At this point Governor Kilby, of Alabama, arose and said:

"How can you argue face to face with a masked man?" he asked the North Carolina executive, and continuing, declared the klan and prohibition were two of the touchiest subjects before the country.

Commenting on Governor Parker's idea that the conference should pass resolutions demanding a federal law requiring the semi-annual registration of all members of secret organizations with the Department of Justice, Governor Morrison declared he was opposed to the Governor's resolution.

KLAN RAKED FORE AND AFT BY STATE CHIEFS

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Many Executives Announce Campaign Against Maskers.

ALLEN LEADS IN CHARGE

"Religious Bigotry Wraped in American Flag, Labelled 100 Per Cent Americanism and Sold for Ten Dollars."

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Without taking formal action on the Ku Klux Klan, prohibition enforcement or any of the state issues confronting them, the governors of a score of states today adjourned their annual conference here.

The final session was marked by a concerted attack on the Ku Klux Klan, during which several governors warned that if the klan caused trouble in their states, they would take extreme measures against it.

Governor McCray, Indiana, said that if the klan caused law violations in Indiana, he would go to the limit in fighting it. Gov. Morrison, North Carolina, also declared that if klansmen were found responsible there for depredations, they would quickly find themselves on the chain gang.

"Bone Dry Control."

Just before the conference close Samuel Adams, president of the Farm Editors' Association, created a stir among the governors by announcing that a campaign to insure bone dry control of the next Republican national convention and the nomination of a dry-farmer candidate would be started soon.

The campaign is designed to prevent the Republican party from weakening its stand on the prohibition issue, as secretly advocated by some of its leaders. Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, would be an acceptable presidential candidate to this group, Adams said.

The klan discussion followed a speech by Governor Allen, Kansas, in which he denounced the organization and its doctrines as "religious bigotry and race prejudice wrapped in the American flag, labeled 100 per cent Americanism and sold for $10."

Allen said he was surprised and ashamed that the boy scout organization in St. Louis had not refused an offer of $25,000 from the klan.

"And though I am a Methodist," he said, "I am ashamed to say that a Methodist hospital accepted $8,000 from this this klan."

Gov. Cox, Massachusetts, asked Allen what Kansas authorities did after alleged klansmen had whipped the mayor of Liberty, Kan. Allen said hundreds of dollars had been spent in trying to bring them to justice but that the authorities had utterly failed.

"On the Mailing List."

"Have they threatened you personally?" asked Gov. McKelvie, Nebraska.

Allen replied that he "was on the regular klan mailing list."

Gov. Morrison of North Carolina, asked Allen whether the klan endorsed manifestations of lawlessness or showed a desire to stop them.

"No," said Allen. "The men who belong to this organization think they are doing a noble work. When you charge them with an outrage they say the klan did not commit it. Then they slip a contribution to some loose-minded preacher and he says thank God for the klan."

Gov. Olcott, Oregon, inquired whether Kansas had used troops in meeting the activities of the klan. Allen said troops were called but the klan faded when it heard they were coming.

Allen said three judges in his state had been forced to resign from the klan or face removal from their offices. He declared his belief that vigorous state opposition to the klan would result in its early extinction.

"No attempt was made to introduce or adopt the resolution which Gov. Parker, Louisiana, asked be adopted calling for federal law to curb the klan. Allen said he thought it might help if the states would pass laws prohibiting masking and also requiring the filing of the names of all members of secret orders with a state authority.

In a brief executive session following this discussion, Gov. Channing Cox, Massachusetts, was elected chairman of the executive committee of the conference.

Gov. McCray of Indiana, invited the governors to hold their 1923 conference at French Lick. The decision was left to the executive committee.

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Two Governors Attack Ku. Klux At Conference

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The Louisiana governor said he referred to the subject of prohibition because of the intention of President Harding to call the governors in conference next month "regarding the matter of prohibition enforcement." Declaring that prohibition was almost a farce, he said it was infinitely better to abolish the saloon, permit light wines and beer to be sold, and have the government regulate the manufacture and distribution of liquor with penitentiary sentences for those who defied clear and explicit liquor laws. Both the prohibition question and the Ku Klux Klan, Mr. Parker said, were black clouds threatening law and order.

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Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE WIS. LEADER
MARCH 17, 1922

HINT MEMBERS OF KU KLUX KLAN ARE TO BLAME

Milwaukee's colored population is up in arms over the alleged dropping of the Milwaukee Urban league from the plans for the Pageant Progress.

Mrs. Mattie Gant, acting secretary of the league, announced an emphatic protest against the committee on national groups, stating that the Urban league had been invited to participate in the pageant and then dropped unceremoniously.

It has been hinted that members of the Ku Klux Klan were responsible for the exclusion of the Negroes.

The pageant, which is to be held Friday night, will start with a parade of floats, drill teams and marchers, led by a military escort under command of Phil Westphal, undersheriff. The floats will line up at 27th St. and Grand Ave., while the marchers will form at 15th St. and Grand Ave., joining at the latter point, and following a route down Grand Ave., as far up as Wisconsin St. and Broadway, over Broadway to Oneida St., back across the bridge, and over to the Auditorium via West Water and State Sts.

REPUDIATES THE KLAN

Commercial Appeal
10/14/22

Gov. Blaine Denies Charge of Democrats That Klan Supports Him.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 13.—Gov. J. J. Blaine declared today that he was unalterably opposed to the principles and objects of the Ku Klux Klan, and through his executive communications and orders had shown his opposition since the first appearance of the organization in Wisconsin.

The executive said in a statement to the Associated Press that he had never received indorsement of the Klan as far as he was aware and asserted that the expressions of the Democratic state central committee, as far as they referred to him, were without foundation. He said that in numerous speeches throughout his campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination he had specifically attacked this society for its activities and its purposes.

Referring to the claim of the Democratic committee that he would have permitted use of state property by the Ku Klux Klan had public attention not been called to the fact by the Democratic candidate for governor, Gov. Blaine declared that as long as he was governor "state property would not be used by any organization which suppresses the identity of its membership or permits the masking of its officers and members, operating in the dark or otherwise."

He said that when informed of the klan meeting in Milwaukee he had directed the sheriff of the county to provide deputies at the fair grounds to prevent the use of the grounds by the organization.

Wisconsin Klan Bitterly Rapped By Democrats

Atlanta Constitution 10/15/22

Madison, Wis., October 14.—The Ku Klux Klan entered Wisconsin politics for the first time today when the democratic state central committee issued a statement referring to a declared klan indorsement of republican candidates as "the most dastardly attempt ever made in this state to poison the minds of the voters in a political campaign."

The statement said that the plans of the organization have just "come to light through the big meeting held in Milwaukee on Saturday night, October 7."

It asserted that "the fact that state officials granted permission to the klan to use the state fair grounds is publicly admitted and no attempt was made to rescind the order until after the democratic candidate for governor called public attention to the danger of such an organization."

"Rumors of the purpose of this organization were in circulation during the primary campaign," it continued, "but received no serious consideration except from Attorney General William J. Morgan, who was a candidate for governor on the republican ticket against the present governor, J. J. Blaine, who like Governor Blaine, received the indorsement of the organization."

Quote Advertisement.

Attorney General Morgan, the statement said, had vigorously repudiated the klan indorsement, declaring he had "no sympathy for any organization organized to foment prejudice against race or creed."

An advertisement of the klan, the central committee said, "indorsed the present republican candidates with the exception of the state treasurer, and it is now being asked whether this indorsement had any bearing on the fact that all of the aspirants for state offices qualify as eligible to the Ku Klux Klan except the treasurer, whose candidacy was forced upon the secret conference held at Madison by influences that could not be denied.

"That the indorsement of this organization was acceptable to the candidates requires no further proof, for if it was not desired the same opportunity to repudiate the Ku Klux Klan was as open to the other candidates as it was to Mr. Morgan."

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BLAINE ATTACKS KLAN; DISAVOWS HINTED SUPPORT

Chicago Daily Tribune 10/13/22

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Answers Democratic Statement.

The governor's statement was in answer to one issued by the Democratic state central committee and signed by W. D. Carroll, secretary, referring to a declared Klan indorsement of Republican candidates as "the most dastardly attempt ever made in this state to poison the minds of the voters in a political campain."

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Organization Opposes Klan.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 13.—Judge Archie House today granted a petition for incorporation to the "Knights and Ladies of America," whose purpose is "to checkmate, circumvent, circumscribe, and confine the operations of the 'one eyed cyclops' to which we assign him as 'the cave man' of the mythical dark ages to save the state of Arkansas and the United States from the curse of the Ku Klux Klan."

MILWAUKIE MAYOR RIDICULES THE KLAN

Warns That His City Will Be "Hottest Place This Side of Hell" for Ku Klax Operators.

New York Times 10/19/22

Special to The New York Times.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 18.—Milwaukee will become the "hottest place this side of hell for the Ku Klux Klan if any of the Klan pounce upon one of our citizens, whether he be black or white, red or yellow, Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant," so Mayor Daniel W. Hoan wrote in a letter he sent today to C. Lewis Fowler, a member of the faculty of Lanier University of Atlanta. The Mayor was replying to a letter protesting that the organization had been misrepresented and offering to aid the Mayor in the maintenance of law and order in Milwaukee.

"Let me state," says the Mayor's letter, "that for law and order Milwaukee stands first among all the cities in the world. Consequently, for you to come here from the State where lynching is the most popular outdoor sport to tell our people that they need this organization, with its hoods and nighties, to insure law and order is in itself ridiculous.

"We encourage all, including yourself, to bring to our officials in the ordinary way any evidence of lawbreaking. We are ready to deal with crime.

"Any claim, therefore, that hooded knights of the 'invisible empire,' directed from your imperial palace, are needed here to enforce law and order is a clear fraud.

"Your claim of setting up an 'invisible empire,' taking orders from your imperial palace in Atlanta, is either true or false.

"If it be false, you are collecting money from dupes by fraud. If it be true, you are attempting to transfer the Government from its proper officers to the Ku Klux Klan. Such a course will land your officers and thousands of members in the Federal penitentiaries, as was the case in the recent attempt of the Communhists to organize an underground government."

Rap Pastor for Taking Klux Money

Chicago Defender

Madison, Wis., Dec. 8.—Probably the most troublesome $25 the Rev. F. J. Peterson, pastor of the A. M. E. church here, ever had to handle were those donated to his church by the Madison branch of the Ku Klux Klan to aid the church in furthering its extension work. The preacher took the money and the board of trustees is said to have said that it was all right. Chicago, Ill.

Not only members of his church, but other citizens, have combined in condemning the action of the Rev. Peterson. The light of publicity has been turned on him by means of a letter written to a local white paper. The letter follows: 12-9-22

"As a citizen and taxpayer of Madison and a subscriber to your paper, I wish to express through its columns my disapproval of the article which appeared in the issue of Nov. 17, stating that the Negroes of Madison had endorsed the K. K. K. and had buried the hatchet.

"The terror this organization has wrought among our people and the many injustices it has done us would not allow me or any race-loving Negro for the paltry sum of $25 to endorse this organization of destruction which is stirring up race and religious hatred.

"The Negro of Madison feels that it would be a wrong and a detriment to endorse any movement which does not meet the approval of our governor and other law abiding citizens.

"We are hoping that the good citizens will not take it for granted that the Negroes of Madison are in sympathy with the K. K. K.

"W. L. Harris."

PROBLEM CREATED BY KU KLUX KLAN COMES BEFORE GOVERNORS

Montgomery Advertiser 12-11-22

Conference of Chief Executives to Consider New Factor in Politics

(Associated Press)

MADISON, WIS., Dec., 10—The "problem in government created by the rise of the Ku Klux Klan throughout the country," will be brought before the state governors of the United States and considered by them at the fourteenth annual conference held in White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, December 14 to 16, Riley, secretary, announced.

Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, whose attack on the Klan in his state has attracted wide attention, is to present a paper to the state Executives on "The Ku Klux Klan—The Problem it Attacks and the Problem it Creates," as the basis of consideration.

A varied business program, supplemented by an attractive program of entainment, has been prepared for the governors and their wives, Mr. Riley announced.

Governor Samuel R. McKelvie, of Nebraska and Governor J. A. O. Preus of Minnesota, will speak, the former on agricultural problems, and the latter on "The St. Lawrence Waterway" Governor Preus will state the position of the Midwest on the waterway project.

"The Undertow of Crime Waves," Will be discussed by Governor Wilson G. Harvey, of South Carolina. Governor James Hartness of Vermont, Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia, Governor Thomas E. Campbell of Arizona, Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana, and Governor Ben W. Olcott, of Oregon, are other speakers on program.

Besides general discussions on each of the papers presented, the governors will discuss general problems of state administration and exchange experiences that may be of value to their colleagues in the business of government.

Mr. Riley stated the following additional governors have advised him they will attend; Governors Kilby, Alabama; Lake, Connecticut; Denney, Deleware; Hardee, Florida; Davis, Idaho; McCary, Indiana; Small, Illinois; Kendall, Iowa; Morrow, Kentuckey; Cox, Massachusetts; Groesbeck, Michigan; Hyde, Missouri; Dixon, Montana; Brown, New Hampshire; Edwards, New Jersey; Morrison, North Carolina; Nestos, North Dakota; Robertson, Oklahoma; Sproul, Pennsylvania; McMaster, South Dakota; Mabey, Utah; Morgan, West Virginia, and Carey, Wyoming.

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Farmer Accused of Abusing Small Stepson to Lose Feet by Freezing.

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 17.—[illegible] Tubbs, Eastern Wyoming, is confined to his bed by injuries received when a gang of masked men tied him to a fence post and lashed him with whips for alleged mistreatment of his family.

An 11-year-old stepson of Tubbs recently underwent an operation at a hospital for the amputation of both feet, said to have been frozen when he left home on one of the coldest nights of the winter after being threatened by Tubbs. This charge, it is believed, was the reason for the horsewhipping.

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